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SEPTEMBER 7, 1818 TO DECEMBER 21, 1818

[114] In Common Council September 7. 1818.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Samuel Stevens
Elisha W. King	John P. Anthony
Anth. L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Gurdon S. Manwaring—one of Andrew R. Miller—of Andrew Smyth—of John Vial—of John Marschalk—of William Harriman—and of Ebenezer Cole for the appointment of Weighmaster—were read and laid on the Table.

A Petition of Ann Smith for extension of time for payment of a balance due from her on an Assessment upon Lot No. 24 in Roosevelt Street was [115] read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial was received from Julia M. Lawrence, Widow of the late Captain James Lawrence of the United States' Navy who fell in the engagement between the United States' Ship Chesapeake with the British Ship Shannon, stating that on the 14th of September 1813 the Common Council after sundry recitals resolved that in testimony of their high sense of acts of devotion to our country and of the regard in which they held the memory of the deceased that the sum of One thousand dollars be granted to each of the children of the said Captain James Lawrence, to be placed in the hands of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, and the Interest thereon to be added yearly to the principal and to be paid to the daughter when she arrives at the age of Eighteen years and to the Son at the age of Twenty one years, and in case of the death of either the portion of the deceased to go to the Survivor: that the Infant son has since died—leaving his Sister Mary N. Lawrence surviving—and praying the Common Council to carry said Resolution into effect—which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of John Varick to be appointed Deputy Clerk [116] of Grand and Gouverneur Street Markets: one of John Miller for Stall No. 5 Spring Street Market: of John Crawbuck and Hassel Wheeler for stalls in the Market erecting in Grand St. and of James Puddy for Butcher's License and Stall in the Fly Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of the Captains of the Second District of the City Watch, complaining of the insufficiency of the present caps of the Watchmen—was read and referred to the Watch Committee.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the 8th Ward, complaining that the water of the Well at the corner of Spring and Varick Streets was very bad, and praying a new one may be sunk, and a Petition for a Well in Spring Street at the corner of Wooster Street—were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A further petition of Cornelius Harsin, to be reimbursed for expences of a wharf erected by him and to release the same to the Corporation, accompanied with a Statement of said expen- [117] diture, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that Beaver Street between William and Broad Streets may be raised and repaved, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Gilbert Davis, of Joseph Green, of James Rogers and of Luke Gillen, praying remission of penalties said to be incurred by selling liquor without license, were read and referred to the Attorney to report the facts.

A Remonstrance from sundry owners of Ferry Boats employed between the City and Staten Island against granting to Aaron Ogden the exclusive right of the Wharf at Whitehall Slip for his Steam Boat was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition that a Building in Water Street near Pike Street which projects into the Street and is also from its decayed State dangerous to passengers may be removed, was read and referred to the Counsel and Street Commissioner to report.

A Petition of William Freeman for appointment as [118] Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Confidential Communication from Jonas Humbert Jr. on the subject of oil was referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Similar Communication from the same person on the subject of Flour used by the Bakers in this City was read and referred to the

Committee on the subject of the Inspection of Loaf Bread—Viz. Committee on Laws.

A Petition that Leonard Street between Orange and Elm Streets may be regulated and paved—was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition that Avenue D. may be opened and regulated from North Street to the Market place was referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of William Mooney for permission to transfer the Lease of lots held by him under the Corporation to the Mutual Insurance Company was read and laid for consideration until a Report from the Finance Committee on the [119] subject which was to be presented this evening was read.

A Petition in behalf of the Corporations of Hudson and Athens for the use of the Mud Machine was read and referred to the Committee of Wharves—with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Communication from Alfred S. Pell on the subject of numbering Hackney Carriages and other regulations respecting them was read and referred to Mr. Allen Ald. Mesier Mr. Akerly.

A Petition of the Medical Society of the County of New York for the use of a Room in which to hold their meetings was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices with authority to grant the prayer of the Petition.

A Petition of Peter S. Webb for remission of fine for selling bread under weight, the same having been baked by contract of a certain weight and to be sold out of the City, was read and leave given to Petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[120] Petitions, of J. Scoles for privilege to construct a vault in Hester Street, and of James B. Murray for a Vault in Warren Street were granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants that the Line of the Fence of the Park in Hudson Street may be set back so as to range with the line of said Street was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and Places.

A Petition of John Brinckley for permission to assign to the Washington Insurance Company the Lease of No. 118 Chrystie Street was read and referred to the Comptroller and Counsel to grant the prayer of the petition, upon the Rent due on said Lease being paid & discharged.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies, Viz.

"Fire Engine Company No. 2"

Ebenezer Cobbs, Tobacconist, 110 Henry St. 7th ward vice Henry Foose, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company, No. 9."

[121] Charles Platt, Cabinet Maker, 31 Gold St. 2d ward vice Charles Weed, Deceased.

"Fire Engine Company No. 23."

Thomas Ayres Carpenter—Hudson n. Vandam—8th ward—vice Francis Raymond—Deceased.

"Fire Engine Company—No. 33."

John Halsey—Carpenter—Delancey Street—10th ward vice George Arrowsmith, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances—which ordinances were passed.

1	Thos. Stagg Jr.	Own.		Thompson St.	Lot
2	Chs. R. Hatfield	Own. & Occ.	343	Greenwich St.	Privy.
3	O. Demilt	do. do.	50	Rivington St.	do.
4	N. Grenard Own. E. Mann Occ.		9	Pike St.	do.
5	D. Tooker Own. K. Sage Occ.		23	Jay St.	do
6	W. Hicks Own. J. Johnson Occ.		180	Bancker St.	do.
7	W. Hicks Own.	H. Johnson Occ.	182	do	do
8	Jno. McLaughlin	Les. & Occ.	29	Augustus St.	do
9	G. B. Abel. Own.	J. McGuire Occ.	53	do	do
	do.	do. J. Thompson do.	55	do	do

(signed) G. Cuming

[122] The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for paving Ludlow Street from Delancey to Rivington Street—which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector thereof.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed: Viz—for repaving Spring Street from Wooster to Thompson Street and for repaving Jacob Street from Frankfort to Ferry Street, and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for regulating and paving Franklin Square, and Roger

Strong, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for building a Common Sewer in Canal Street from the Westerly side of the Bulkhead in Washington Street to Collect Street, and Peter Hawes, Roger Strong and John Targee were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Broadway—whereupon a Warrant was directed to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

The Counsel presented a Release of Quit rent to Garrit Storm and Susan his wife, Juliana M. [123] Gouverneur, Adelaide Gouverneur, and Isaac H. Gouverneur, heirs of Isaac Gouverneur deceased, Richard J. Tucker, Thomas Irvin and John Reade on a lot in the First Ward granted 15th February 1769 to Nicholas Gouverneur, the Commutation for the same having been paid by Garrit Storm—whereupon —the Release was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel presented draughts of the following deeds, which were directed to be duly executed:

" For lots Nos. 22 and 14 of the Collect lots to Thomas Egerton
For lot No. 191 of the Collect lots to Edmund Kirby
For lot No. 154 of the Collect lots to James Vincent—And for a triangular lot of ground in Chamber Street to Elbert Anderson
which have been prepared in pursuance of instructions from the Comptroller.

Also a lease of a narrow slip of ground bordering on Roosevelt Street to Charles McCarty—which has been prepared in pursuance of an order of the Board. This lease is for eight years and nine months from the first of August last with a covenant for a renewal

Also a covenant with Peter M. Allison for building [124] a pier at the foot of Oliver Street—which has been prepared in pursuance of instructions from the Assistant Street Commissioner."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

He also, agreeably to the Report of the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Counsel, to whom had been referred the report of the Comptroller, Street Commissioner and Counsel on the subject of the pier at the foot of Courtlandt Street, presented the Counterpart of *the counterpart of* an agreement with John Mullanphy and the Comptroller respecting the north side of the pier on the South side of Courtlandt Street—which agreement was directed to be duly executed. The Report of the Street Commissioner, Comptroller and Counsel was as follows:

"That all the interest of Jacob Wilkins in this pier was mortgaged

by him to the Eagle Fire Company, which mortgage has been foreclosed and the property purchased in at a sale under a decree of the Court of Chancery by a Mr. Mullanphy, who is now of course entitled to all the interest which Jacob Wilkins had in the premises at the time he executed the Mortgage.

[125] Mr. Mullanphy now offers the premises to the Corporation upon the same terms which they hold them from the Executors of the will of Jacob Wilkins, excepting that he requires a relinquishment of all right to call upon him for any portion of the rent in arrears. The undersigned are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Corporation to accept of his proposition, excepting so far as relates to the relinquishment of rent, and that a sum equal to the proportion now due from him for rent should be paid to him, as a relinquishment of the right to demand rent from the owner of a part of the premises might operate as a relinquishment of the whole rent in arrear."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
" G. N. Bleecker
" Jno. M^cComb

On which report that of the Finance Committee, Comptroller and Counsel was as follows:

"That they have had the same under consideration and agree with them in their report They recommend that the same be adopted and that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a lease accordingly, the rent to commence on the 1st of August 1817, the time at which the property was sold by order of the Chancellor."

[126] He also presented the draught of a Contract for making a sewer in Canal Street—which was referred to the Canal Committee.

The Street Committee, on the petition that Water Street at Corlaer's Hook may be paved, reported: "That the Carriage Way from Clinton Street to near Corlaer's Street is paved agreeably to the directions of the Board: that the owners of the property have been directed by the Street Commissioner to lay the sidewalks. A number have complied and the whole will be done in due time. That part of the street lying between Pike and Rutger's Slip they would recommend to be regulated. the Curb stone laid and the side walk to be gravelled, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an ordinance to that effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Water Street from

Pike to Rutger Street reported in favor of the petitioners—both which reports were approved.

[127] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Roosevelt Street so as to carry the water on the surface, presented a report which was read and laid for consideration.

A Resolution was presented referring to the Street Committee to consider the propriety of regulating the Sewer in Roosevelt Street on the same plan with that in Ferry Street, and was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition to widen Market Street, presented a report which was referred back to the same Committee.

The Alms' House Committee presented the following report—which was ordered to be filed:

"That the humane views of the Corporation in relation to the insane have been carried into effect. Apartments have been fitted up in the North wing of the Alms' House at Bellevue and the male maniacs have been removed from the Penitentiary to these apartments under the care of a person taken on trial as a keeper. There are now 14 persons in his charge, and as there are accommodations for thirty, provided they are not raving mad, it is the intention of the Committee to remove some of the crazy paupers at the Lunatic Asylum to these [128] new apartments as soon as the Keeper shall become somewhat accustomed to the management of such persons. The Committee have also directed some better arrangements for the female maniacs requiring particular attention.

"In visiting the Alms' house Establishment the Committee have been very much pleased with the order, neatness and regularity displayed in the management of this Institution and take this opportunity of expressing their satisfaction with the Commissioners and all the officers of the house. They find upon examination that on the 1st September instant there were in the different buildings 1565 persons:

There were in the Penitentiary		364
" " " " Alms' house		1201
		1565
Males in the Penitentiary	192	
Females in do.	172	
		364
Men in the Alms' house	300	
Women in do	372	
Boys do	328	
Girls do	201	
		1201.
		1565

Of these there were about 70 sick in the Hospitals and 40 in the different wards not requiring to be removed to the hospitals."
which was ordered to be filed.

[129] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Deborah Post, reported: "That the prayer of the petitioner ought to be granted—that is to have a Water grant for a lot situated at Corlaer's Hook between Abraham Legget and Cornelius Ray and to extend from Water Street to the permanent line of South Street."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" G. Buckmaster
" Saml. Stevens

which was approved.

The Market Committee, on the petitions for Stalls in Grand Street Market—reported in favor of the following petitioners: Viz

Thomas Place	Stall No.	1
Henry Spicer	"	2
		3
Samuel Pearcy	"	4
		5
Andrew Van Dusen	"	6
Stephen Doan	"	7
John Ackley	"	8

(signed) By the whole Committee.

which was approved—and Licenses directed to issue therefor.

[130] The Market Committee, on the subject of Forestallers occupying the Market, reported:

"That in the discharge of their duty they find great difficulty in preventing occasions of the law for regulating the Public Markets. The small meats brought to the lower Fly Market are, with very few exceptions, first brought by the persons offering them for sale in and about this City: or the creatures are sent them by some person residing a few miles in the country, with whom an arrangement is made for that purpose, to sell on commission or as pretended agents for the owner—to the great detriment of our own Butchers who are restricted to a particular stand, while these people enjoy all the privilege and advantages of the Market intended for the man who brings the produce of his own farm for sale. The same system in effect is practised by the sellers of poultry, eggs and vegetables. The Lower Market, together with the ground appropriated for the Country people, is daily occupied by persons under the denomination of agents—and it is not

uncommon for men bringing articles of produce from the country to distribute them among several of these agents, [131] thereby occupying three or four stands at one and the same time contrary to the true spirit and intent of the law. "The Committee take it for granted that the object in preventing our own butchers from occupying stands in the lower market was that by appropriating a convenient place for the sale of country produce the farmer might be encouraged to bring to the City the small meats and other articles produced on his own farm: but by the system now pursued this object is completely defeated, as it is a rare thing to see a farmer in the market with meats &c. of his own raising, almost every article being sold on commission or by the pretended agents of the farmer. The truth is, in the opinion of the Committee, that nearly, if not all, these agents are Butchers or Hucksters in disguise, who under cover of their agency have an opportunity of evading the law forestalling and other improper acts. The Committee cannot perceive the propriety of permitting the market thus to be occupied to the exclusion of our own citizens who are regular bred butchers and at the same time subjects of taxation, high rents and other inconveniences incident to a residence in this City, while the persons alluded to, who are principally residents of Long Island, perform no duty and pay [132] no taxes in this County. The Committee are of opinion that the evils complained of will in some measure be remedied by doubling the fees on all meat offered for sale in and about the lower market, except that sold by the person who raised the creatures on his own farm—and by compelling those denominated agents to pay a certain price for their stand toward defraying the expence of the public markets. The following Resolutions are therefore offered:

"Resolved that the fees for selling meats in and about the lower Fly Market, except that sold by country people being the produce of their own farms, be raised to double the amount fixed by the law to regulate the public Markets.

"Resolved—that the Market Committee be authorised, at their discretion, to grant permits to all persons selling fruits, vegetables, poultry, eggs or butter in or near said Market, and to fix such fees, rates or sums of money to be paid for such permits as they may deem just and reasonable—provided, however, that it shall not be necessary for country people, resorting to said market to sell their own provisions to have or pay for such permits."

(signed) G. Buckmaster—S. Allen—P. Mesier—A. L. Underhill—Westervelt

whereupon—the resolutions therein proposed [133] were agreed to, and the Counsel directed to report an Ordinance agreeably thereto.

The Finance Committee, on the application of William Mooney, reported:

"That Mr. William Mooney, who holds Two lots of ground in Chatham Street under lease from the Corporation, for the purpose of improving that part of said lots fronting on Chamber Street, and to pay the arrears of rent due on the same has made an arrangement with the Mutual Insurance Company for the loan of a sum of money, and therefore requests permission from the Board to assign his leases to said Company as security for the sum to be loaned. The Committee consider the request of Mr. Mooney reasonable; and as the permission to assign will not lessen the security of the Corporation, they respectfully recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that William Mooney be permitted to assign to the Mutual Insurance Company of the City of New York the leases held by him for Two lots of ground in Chatham Street belonging to the Corporation—provided he pay to the Comptroller all the money which shall be due or owing on said lots for rent or otherwise.

"Resolved—that the Counsel of the Board be instruc- [134] ted to discontinue the suit pending with Mr. Mooney, on his paying the costs accruing thereon."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

whereupon the resolutions proposed were agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the communication of J. Waterman, reported: "That the lot alluded to is situated at the corner of Water and Roosevelt Streets and is charged with the sum of 515 dollars and 68 cents. The lease held by Mr. Waterman contains the usual conditions and includes all taxes and Assessments to be imposed during the term for which it was given. The Committee however subscribe by no means to the justice of these conditions, particularly when applied to the present case, inasmuch as the improvement is only applicable to the Lessee during the term of his lease and after that reverts to the owner of the fee. It appears as a matter of equity, therefore, that the Lessee ought to pay only so much of the Assessment as his Leasehold is benefitted by the improvement, and that the remainder, if any, ought to be [135] paid by the Lessor. Adopting this

as a principle, the Committee have calculated the ratio benefit to be derived by Mr. Waterman at 245 dollars 55 cents, leaving the amount to be paid by the Corporation at 270 dollars and 13 cents and they offer the following Resolution accordingly:

"Resolved that the Collector of Assessment for opening Roosevelt Street be instructed to receive from Jedediah Waterman 245 dollars and 55 cents, in lieu of the whole amount imposed on the lot held by him under lease from the Corporation situated at the corner of Water & Roosevelt Streets.

"For the purpose of establishing a general principle in relation to Assessments on property held under lease from the Corporation for opening and enlarging streets or public places, the Committee beg leave to propose the following Resolution for the consideration of the Board:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to request the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment, who are, or who may be hereafter appointed by the Supreme Court for the purpose of opening, extending or enlarging any street or public place in this City, to assess on the Lessee or lessees of property belonging to the Corporation only so much of the cost of such improve[me]nt as he or [136] they shall, in their opinion be benefitted thereby, in proportion to the extent of his term, and the remainder, if any, on the Corporation."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee on the subject of regulating Greenwich Village presented a Report which was read and the consideration thereof postponed: 50 copies were directed to be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Allen presented a Communication containing Resolutions for the regulating of the Weighmasters—which was read and laid for consideration. One of said Resolutions recommending the increase of the number of Weighmasters to 23 was considered and agreed to and upon motion afterwards extended to 24. The Board then proceeded to appoint an additional number of Weighmasters—when the following were appointed:

[137] Abraham Ackerman—Andrew R. Miller—Eben^{r} Coles—Elihu H. De Camp—Andrew Smith—John Turk—John Marschalk.

An Invitation from the Columbian Society to attend the celebration of the victories of Champlain and Plattsburg on Friday next at Washington Hall was presented and accepted.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to:

"Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider the expediency of prohibiting the Manhattan Company from digging up and leaving the Streets of this City unpaved in such manner as to be dangerous to passengers, and also to consider of the propriety of taking measures to obtain compensation for injury done by the said Company to the pavements in this City."

whereupon the same was referred to Alderman King Alderman Morss Alderman Allen

Resolved—that the Committee to whom was referred the subject respecting Dyers be requested to report at the next meeting of the Board.

[138] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 24th Augt	80.37	
Recd for Rents	6744.67	
" " Streets	4425.19	
" " Arrears of Tax	600.	
" " Tax of 1817—Ninth ward	543.64	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	584.	
" " Fourth Street	400.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	166.50	
" " Wells and Pumps	124.65	
Loan of Mechanics' Bank	10,000.	23,669.02

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st Dist	1142.75
do. Addition from 15th July—do	94.50
Clark & Hibberd—Watch 2d district	682.50
Bleakley & Brower—do. 3d do.	413.
C. D. Colden—Mayor's Salary—2 qrs. 2d inst	3500.
Saml. Hutchings—St. Inspr 1 mo. 1st ins	52.
Jonathan Weeden— do. do. do.	52.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr do. do.	52.
Obadiah Ayres. do. do. do.	52.
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers do. do.	60.
And. McCready—Park keeper do. do.	46.50
Dan. H. Magee—Potters' field—keeper do. do.	46.50
Benj. Birdsall—bal. Iron fence at Park	688.81
Geo. Platt—Work at Mud Machine—12 May to 8 Aug	626.11
[139] Allen & Truslow—builds Grand St. Market	586.12
Thos. H. Smith—4 sets China—2 sets waiters	155.50

Isaac Baptist—Iron work for Mud Machine.....	87.72	
Abm Dally—Ship chandlery for do	76.40	
Jno. Richardson—attends Justice's Court—one quarter to first of September.....	58.50	
Jac. Warner—Special Justice—1 qr. Saly—26 Aug.....	187.50	
Jac. Hopson— do. do. do.	187.50	
Chs. Christian— do. do. do.	187.50	
Berd O'Blenis—Clerk Police— do. do.	250.	
Resolvert Stephens—Ast do. do. do.	200.	
J. Hays—for Officers conveyg Vagrants from Police to Penitentiary—4 April to 26 Augt.....	134.	
Geo. Snethen—Supg & lightg lamps—1 mo. 1st inst.....	823.50	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. reprs. to Lamps.....	140.	
Higgins & Parks—filling at Crane Wharf.....	900.	
Geo. Lovett—2d Instalt piers Spring St. Basin.....	2000.	
Rodman Bowne—reprs. at Catharine Slip for ferry.....	200.76	
A. S. Morwood—Juror's fees—valuing ground taken between Oliver and Catharine and Roosevelt and New Slips	180.	
Robt. Pettigrew—Well in Beach Street.....	29.25	
do. 1st Instalt Well in Cherry St.....	83.50	
Jac. Smith Jr. repairing Engines.....	25.25	
Ald. Munson—Treasr Board of Health.....	250.	
[140] Hugh Smith—paving Water St.....	800.	
Chs. Mooney—regs Collect Street.....	400.	
John Hunt—Award for Henry St.....	361.13	
Wm Vonck— do. do	200.	
Chs. Mooney—paving Franklin St.....	300.	
Jno. Stanley—regulating Bond St.....	200.	
Hugh Smith paving Water St.....	200.	
Mary Crooker & Mary Moncrief acct. award for Roosevelt Street	200.	
John Sloan—regulg Houston St.....	182. 8	
J. Meghan—pavg Greenwich Street.....	145.93	
Terence Tiffany—regs Sheriff St.....	100.	
Jas. Pinkerton—paving Orange St.....	100.	
Wm Miller—pavg & repairg Intersections.....	40.37	
Richd Furman, Supt of Alms' House.....	6000.	23,481.18
	Balance	$187.84

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[141] In Common Council Sept. 14. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of William Harriman for continuance of appointment of Weighmaster, and one of Joseph G. Sidney to be appointed to paste up notices of the Corporation in the Streets—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition for a Well and Pump near Vestry and Hudson Streets—and one for a Well in Washington [142] Street near Hubert Street—were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor.

A Petition of P. Schermerhorn and others, owners of Water lots between Fulton Street and the Pier on West side of Peck Slip—praying that the pier, agreeably to the general plan of South Street, may be run out—was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants in Roosevelt Street, praying that the Assessments for opening said Street may be immediately collected, was read & referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Henry Hutchins that Collister Street may be regulated—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of John Van Sice, praying that the time for paying of Assessment on Lot No. 44 in Roosevelt Street laid for improving said Street may be extended three months—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[143] A Petition from owners of lots in Roosevelt Street and Streets adjacent, recommending the adoption of the plan proposed for regulating said Street by conveying the water under the side walks—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Ebenezer Storer keeper of the Tontine Coffee house

was received, stating that he has received a note from the Attorney of the Corporation informing him that he has incurred a penalty by not having up a sign as a Retailer of Spirituous Liquors: that since the Establishment of said house no other sign has been exhibited than the Keeper's name; but if the Board consider it necessary he will comply with the Ordinance; and praying a remission of the fine. Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

A Letter addressed to Alderman Buckmaster from William B. Crosby was received, stating that he had received an order to pave in front of his property in Water Street, and suggesting the propriety of directing the North side of said Street only to be paved, and referred to the Street Committee, and the paving of the South side suspended till the [144] further [order] of the Board.

A Petition of Deborah Morris, by her agent Diana Gardner, praying that the payment of the Assessment on the lot corner of Roosevelt and Oak Streets for opening Roosevelt Street may be delayed until it can be collected from the tenants of said property, for which a sufficient authority will be given to the Collector—was read and referred to the Finance Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

Petitions from Terence Tiffany, John Graham and others, stating that they have entered into contracts for digging out streets and filling up Docks and Streets and have carts engaged in that business: that they have received a letter from the Attorney informing them that they have incurred a fine by so using these carts not having license as Cartmen; and praying that said fines may be remitted and that an ordinance may be passed authorising carts to be employed for such purposes—was read and referred to the Committee on that subject—viz —Committee on Public Offices.

[145] A Petition of Mary Waldron, praying that the time for payment of Assessment on her laid for opening Fourth Street may be extended six months—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Remonstrance against granting to Aaron Ogden the right of the Pier at Whitehall Street was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition from W^m^ Van Beuren, Commander of the Custom house Revenue Barges of the United States, praying permission to erect a Boat house adjoining the Bridge at Whitehall erected by D. D. Tompkins and Noah Brown, which will be made more ornamental to that part of the City than the Boathouse at present used by them, and which

will contain a room for the accommodation of the citizens using the Steam boat, was read, together with a certificate of the assent thereto of D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown—whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward.

An application of Oliver Vanderbilt, City Sealer, on the subject of his office, was referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

[146] The following appointments of a Fire Warden and Firemen were made, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies: Viz

"Fire Warden of the Second Ward."

John Leonard Mercht. 119 William St. 2d ward vice John Mowatt Jr. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 4."

Wm C. Burt—House Carpenter—74 Hudson—5 wd vice Danl Hawxhurst—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Jno. Van Nest—Accountt 13 William—1 ward—vice Henry Lowry Resigned

Danl M. Lord Acct 77 Water St. 1 ward—vice John Wilcox—resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 41."

Benjn. Defries—Cordwainer—Norfolk c. Broome—10 wd vice George Kirk—removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1.	Wm Bethel	2 P. Ogilvie	(Own.)	Willett St.	Lots
3	Lemuel Wells		(do.)	Hudson	do
4.	A. L. Stewart		(do.)	do.	do
5.	Wm Paulding Jr.		(do)	do.	do
6	B. Bell (Own.)	W. Wa[l]ker	(Occ.)	2 Pelham St.	Privy
7	do. do.	T. Wood	(do.)	3 do.	do

[147] The Street Commissioner, on the regulation of Water Street from Pike to Rutgers' Slip, reported:

"That to fill up the Street to its permanent regulation is not required at present, as it would render it impracticable to land articles at the Bulkhead adjoining. Instead therefore of raising the street to its full height and setting Curb stone, he would recommend that the street be only partially filled up for the present and that the curbing be dispensed with. He would also recommend that the regulation be

continued to Clinton Street and that an Ordinance be passed to carry the same into effect."

(signed) Jno. McComb St. Commr

which was approved.

The Street Commissioner presented an ordinance for a Well and Pump in Wooster Street near Spring Street—which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors. He also presented an Ordinance for regulating Water Street from Pike Slip to Clinton Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following Assessments—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector [148] in each—Viz—For paving Bowling green Street: for a Well and Pump in Cherry Street between Scammel and Walnut Streets; and for regulating and paving Oak Street from Oliver street to Catharine Street.

The Comptroller reported: "That on the 1st instant he wrote to the Comptroller of the State requesting a draught for the sum of $2051.47 which was appropriated by an Act of the Legislature of this State, passed April 1st 1818, to defray Assessments on Collect, Walker, Pump, Rynder and Canal streets in this City.

"On the 7th instant he received an order in favor of the City Treasurer for the above sum, which has been deposited in the Treasury by the Collectors of Assessments of the aforesaid streets."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented a grant of a Water Lot on the East River near Walnut Street to John J. Post, Catharine Ritter, Deborah Douglass, William Post and Peter R. Post—which was directed to be duly executed.

[149] The Counsel reported: "That some of the premises required for extending the Sixth Avenue and for enlarging and improving Carmine Street are under lease, and that the leases will expire on the first of May next. As the report of the Commissioners in that case cannot be confirmed before the October term of the Supreme Court, when it will be too late to regulate those streets this season, the Counsel respectfully recommends that an order be passed to suspend that improvement till the first of May, as by so doing the owners of property in that neighbourhood will be relieved from paying the sums which will otherwise be awarded the Lessees for their damage. The Counsel also recommends the adoption of a similar Resolution with

respect to Harman, Grand, Oliver and Dover Streets, and for these purposes he respectfully recommends the adoption of the following Resolution: Viz

"Resolved—that the opening, extending, enlarging altering and improving of the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Carmine Street, and of Carmine Street; and also of Harman Street, Grand Street, Oliver street and Dover Street be suspended until the first day of May next." Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

[150] The Counsel, respecting the treating with owners of ground in Fayette Street, reported:

"That the proprietors of the property fronting on the East side of Fayette Street and of the property which lies near to the contemplated westerly side of Oliver Street between Bancker and Chatham Streets are desirous of treating with the Corporation for the purchase of such parts of Fayette Street and of such gores of lots as adjoin their respective lots. The Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for extending Oliver Street and closing Fayette Street have been consulted, and they, as well as the Counsel, are of opinion that the expence of that improvement will be very much reduced by making such an arrangement. The Counsel therefore respectfully recommends that a Committee be appointed to treat with the said persons for the sale of that property, and that the Committee be instructed to report the result of their proceedings to the Board for their approbation."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which report was approved, and it was referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon.

[151] The Counsel, agreeably to order, reported the draught of a Law to amend the law respecting the Fly Market, which was referred back to him to report an Ordinance making the same regulations applicable to the several Markets of the City.

The Committee of Laws, agreeably to the reference to them, reported a law entitled "A Law respecting Public Pumps and to prevent the drying of Cloth in the Streets"—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Aaron Ogden and the Remonstrances against the same, presented a Report, the consideration whereof was postponed and the same referred back to said Committee.

The same Committee, on the communication from the Counsel respecting granting permission to D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown to extend the size of the Ferry House which they have had permission to erect, presented a Report, the consideration of which was postponed.

The Police Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Resolvert Stephens, reported: "That [152] they have enquired into the matters set forth in said petition and find that Mr. Stephens has been for some years past usefully employed as Assistant Clerk in said office: that his punctuality and correct conduct have heretofore been approved by this Corporation and in two instances rewarded by an increase of Salary which is now eight hundred dollars per annum:

"That your Committee are well satisfied that Mr. Stephens still continues faithfully, and with ability to discharge his official duties, notwithstanding his time (by the gradual increase of the business of that department) is now almost constantly employed in the public service: And your Committee are of opinion that a small increase might with great propriety be made to the Salary of Mr. Stephens. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Salary of Mr. Resolvert Stephens, Assistant Clerk in the Police Office of this City be increased to nine hundred dollars, to commence from the 26th day of August being the last quarter day."

(signed) T. Bolton: S. Allen
" G. B. Thorp: S. Stevens

which was agreed to.

[153] The Committee of the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Communication of the Chief Engineer that Houses are wanted for Engines Nos. 7. & 12, reported:

"That houses ought to be erected for Nos. 7 and 12, and that they have obtained a plan for said buildings of the Street Commissioner and the Estimate of Tucker and Maybie for erecting a building agreeable to said plan, which your Committee are of opinion ought to be adopted. Your Committee beg leave to state that the Estimate is for a One or a Two-story building. The estimate for a One Story building is $1,430, for a Two Story building $2061—making a difference of $631 between a One or a Two Story building. Your Committee are of opinion that the house two stories high, altho' it may cost $631 more, you will be enabled to rent the upper story for a sum equal to the interest of the cost of the building and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be, and he is hereby di-

rected to erect a Two story building agreeable to the plan by which they estimate for the sum of Two thousand and sixty one dollars."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved, and the Street Commissioner directed to advertise for contract for a building [154] agreeably to the plan recommended by the Committee, and that the Committee be authorised to contract for the said building with such person or persons as they shall judge will do the work on the best terms.

The same Committee, on the report of the Chief Engineer respecting the decayed state of Fire Engine No. 12 and respecting the Floating Engine, reported: "That they have had the several subjects of said report under consideration and concur in opinion of the Chief Engineer and beg leave to recommend the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to cause Two Engines to be built of the usual size, one for the Firemen of No. 12 and the other for the Firemen of the Floating Engine.

"Resolved—that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to dispose of the Floating Engine and all her apparatus to the best advantage."

(signed) Jno. P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved.

[155] The same Committee, on the Report of the Chief Engineer respecting an Engine house for No. 28—reported: "That a house for No. 28 ought to be erected on a lot of ground No. 747 in Mercer Street belonging to the Corporation, which said lot is unoccupied, and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to erect a building of Wood suitable for Engine No. 28 on a lot of ground No. 747 in Mercer Street."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, and Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward, to whom was referred the petition for extending the South Pier at Spring Street Basin, reported: "That a contract was made to build the North Pier and L and the two Blocks and Bridges in part of the South pier at the foot of Spring Street on the Hudson River for the sum of about $13,900. It was under-

stood at the time that this appropriation was made for this improvement that the parties interested in the North pier of said Slip were to pay two thirds of that expence.

[156] It now appears that some demur or delay is likely to take place by the aforesaid parties, consequently the whole expence for building said Basin is likely to fall on the Corporation. Your Committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner at present."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Samˡ Stevens
" G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen

which was received and the Report directed to be filed.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to: "Resolved that the Commissioners for the opening of Beekman Street and for taking the ground between Fulton Street and Crane wharf be requested to complete their reports without unnecessary delay and that the Clerk of this Board furnish them with a copy of this resolution."

The following was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Market Committee and Street Commissioner be authorised to regulate the ground where the Market stand in Christopher Street [157] near the State Prison, agreeable to the regulation of the Streets now under regulation in that part of our City, and to put under said Market a Cellar if thought to be of public utility."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury	$187.84	
Received for Streets	4620.37	
" " Fourth Street	2500.	
" " Canal Street	1131.10	
" " Excise	404.	
" " Police Office	239.39	
" " Tavern Licenses	107.80	
" " Docks and Slips	33.06	9223.56

Accounts Audited.

Geo. Cuming—City Inspr 1 qr. Sal. 28 Aug	312.50
Phil. Becanon—Bread Inspr. 1 qr. 10th Sept	96.30
Geo. Wragg—Award for Spring street	1750.
Geo. Vaughan— do. Henry do.	669.10
Jas. Pinkerton—paving Mill street	100.
Geo. Charlton—balce on Well in Mill St	20.
Leondˢ Bleecker—Treasr Free School Socy State grant	1500.

Pet. Schermerhorn—Int. on Bond—6 mo. 1 Augt.....	450.	
do. 1 year's rent—ground Engine 1 inst...	75.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt reprs—for reprs.....	200.	5,172.90
	Balance	$4,050.66

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[158] In Common Council Sept. 21. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	E. Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Samuel Cheesman and Sarah Johnson, stating that to widen Oliver Street a part of Lots Nos. 11 and 13 fronting on Fayette Street and owned by them was taken leaving small gores of ground and praying said gores may be sold to them—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[159] An account from the City Dispensary for the annual subscription of $600 for the Vaccine Department of that Institution was presented and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to direct a Warrant to be reported therefor.

A Petition of Benjamin French, stating that he is employed in supplying water to the Inhabitants of the City, that by a late law he is prohibited from taking from any of the pumps unless the water is carried from the Pump a considerable distance to the hogshead which is to be filled, which from his age and infirmity he is unable to do, and praying to be permitted to take 4 hogsheads per day from the 3d pump in Mulberry street—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws, and they were also requested to consider the expediency of amending the late law so as to prohibit the cleansing of fish at the public pumps.

A Petition of Marinus Willet, stating that some time since an Ordinance was passed for widening Delancey street at the East river and that a house on the North side thereof should be removed; that said house still remains, and requesting the attention of the Corporation to the subject—was referred [160] to the Committee on Streets.

A Petition of Christian Brewer for appointment of Measurer of Grain, and one of John Regna for appointment to some office—were read and referred to Committee on Applications.

Petitions from Samuel Harner and John Bridle for Stalls in the Fly Market—and from Nicholas Cowen for Stall No. 12 in Centre Market—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Beekman, one of the heirs of Benjamin P. Beekman deceased, for payment of a sum awarded for opening and improving Roosevelt street—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Pawnbrokers, complaining of the non execution of the law against persons who are exercising the business of Pawnbrokers without having taken license—was read and referred to the Attorney.

A Remonstrance from a number of citizens [161] against the mode of executing the Dog law—was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Henry Smith for permission to assign by way of Mortgage to the Mutual Insurance Company the Lease of lot No. 2. Magazine Street—was read and referred to the Comptroller.

A Petition of Albert Bogert for further time for payment of an Assessment on a lot in Bancker Street and one in Chesnut Street—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in the Second Avenue between North and First Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

Petitions from N. Morss, J. Jennings, Roorbach and Mitchell and John Nexsen—praying remission of fine incurred for selling liquor without license—were severally read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petitions.

A Remonstrance of Sundry Boatmen and others [162] against the petition of Aaron Ogden—was read and laid until the reading of the report of the Committee on said petition.

A Petition by the Committee, on behalf of the Inhabitants of Greenwich Village, praying the Corporation would farther postpone

the consideration of the Report of the Committee on the regulation of said Village, in order that the petitioners may have time and opportunity to examine the same—was read and the consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

A further petition of Peter L. Webb, praying he may be reimbursed for the seizure of some Loaf Bread by the Inspector on account of being light, alleging said bread was baked by contract to be sold at Harlaem and that the Inspectors of Bread are in the habit of passing light bread and not considering the same when to be sold out of the City—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition, and it was referred to the Committee on Public Offices to enquire into the alleged practice of the Inspector of Bread.

[163] A Letter from T. C. Augustus Uz to the Recorder was read requesting permission to alter one of the Corporation Engines so as to affix thereto his newly discovered Patent Compound Lever so as to develop the power of the said Lever. Whereupon it was resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be authorised to permit Mr. Uz to apply his newly invented Compound Lever to one of the Corporation Fire Engines.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on sundry Assessments—whereupon a Warrant was ordered to be issued to Noah Jarvis to collect the same.

He also presented a return of Delinquents on the Assessment for widening and improving Roosevelt Street, and a Warrant was issued to Morris. De Camp to collect the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Beach Street, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed:—Viz. For paving Leonard Street between [164] Elm and Orange streets and for regulating Roosevelt Street from Batavia Street to the East River, in which Abraham Baudouine, Jacob C. Mott and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors: Also for paving Beaver Street between Broad and William Streets, in which Abraham Bloodgood, Jacob C. Mott and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company, No. 8."

William Brisco—plater—249 William—4 ward vice John S. Jenkins—Resigned.

Matthias Conklin—Carpenter—103 Fulton—2 ward—vice Thos. Morgan—deceased.

No. 17.

James Florentine, carpenter—65 Mulberry—6 ward—vice Robert Wood, Resigned.

William Anderson, Carpenter—69 Mott—6 ward vice Isaac Baptis, Resigned.

No. 19.

Francis Marschalk—Founder, 237 Bowery—10 w[d] vice Joseph Hyde, Resigned

No. 22.

Nicoll Downs—Cartman—174 Bancker—7 ward— [165] vice William Willet—Expelled

William Martin—Shipwright—120 Harman—7 ward vice Edmund Anderson—Expelled

No. 29.

William Cranston, grocer—Hammond c. Greenwich—9 ward vice Jonathan Dyckman, deceased.

William Lake—Carpenter—Charles c. Washington—9 ward vice Moses Rolf—Resigned.

No. 31.

James H. Clark, Coach Maker—Rynder n. Grand—6 ward—vice Caleb Smith, Resigned

No. 34.

Peter P. Roome—Butcher—Bedford St. 8 ward—vice Abraham Brower—Resigned

Freeman Cole—Mechanist—Greenwich Lane—9 ward—vice Jacob Van Wart—Declined

No. 40.

Eli Traver—grocer—Mulberry n. Spring—8 ward—vice Lewis K. Henshaw—Expelled.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Nathan M[c]Vickar	Agt.	Forsythe St.	Lot
2	John Deitzs G. Michells	Les. Occ.	Spring St.	do
3	Robt. Ferguson	Own.	do.	do.
	[166] F. Depeyster	Own.	do.	do
5	J. Smith	Own. & Occ.	do.	do
6	N. M[c]Vicker	Own.	Wooster St.	do
7	P. Lorillard	do.	Laurens St.	do

8	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank.	Own.	Washington St.	Lot
	John Odel	Occ.		
9	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	Robert Morrison	Occ.		
10.	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	John Marschalk	Occ.		
11	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
	George Moore	Occ.		
12	President, Directors & Co. of Mechanics' Bank	Own.	do.	do
13.	A. Peltus	Own.	56 John St.	Privy
	E. Wheeler	Occ.		
14	L. Van Buskirk	Own.	86 Reed St.	do
	William Honey & others	Occ.		
15.	Read & Anderson	Own.	43 Mott St.	do
	D. Norcross	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[167] The Comptroller, on petition of Henry Smith for permission to assign lease of No. 2 Pearl Street by way of Mortgage to the Mutual Insurance Company, referred to him this evening, reported in favor of Petitioner—which was approved and leave given to assign the same.

The Attorney, on the petition of Joseph Green, reported:—"That a complaint was made in his Office against said Green for selling liquors without license at the foot of Spring Street. There have been other complaints of the same nature made at his Office against said Green, who does not deny selling, nor does he pretend that he has a license for so doing. "The Attorney has no reason to believe that Mr. Green's application for a license was suspended or specially laid over for consideration by his Honor the Mayor—on that subject, however, he would refer to his Honor the Mayor as the only correct source of information."

"Green has received no license to retail liquors formerly."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) A. Sherman

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

[168] He also, on the petition of Gilbert Davis, reported: "That Mr. Gilbert Davis the petitioner was complained of for selling liquor without license at the corner of Delancey and Allen Streets, the circumstances of which case appear to be as follow: Mr Davis has for some time past and still continues to keep a grocery store at No. Division Street for which place he still holds a license to retail liquors. In the course of last year he set up in business at the corner of Allen and Delancey streets a young man by the name of Coles who obtained a license to retail liquors at that place for that year, which expired in May last and was not renewed. Coles failed in business, and Mr Davis, to secure himself, took the remaining stock in trade off his hands, and put a young man in the place who proceeded on to selling and retailing liquors, as was usual, without any license having been taken out for the present year. Mr. Davis is about discontinuing business at that place, or has already done so." Respectfully submitted.

(signed) A. Sherman

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

[169] He also, on the petition of James Rogers, reported:

"The complaint against Mr. Rogers is for selling liquors at Manhattan Island without license. The circumstances attending the case of Mr. Rogers being somewhat special, are as follow:

Last year he and one parsons were in partnership and did business together under the firm of Rogers and parsons at the above mentioned place. Altho' Rogers was the principal man of the firm, the License, as has been frequently the case, was taken out in the name of parsons the other partner. Before the license had expired in the course of the last year they dissolved partnership. Rogers bought out Parsons, paid him for his half of the expence of the licenses, and was to have the benefit of the same, and continued the business in his own name. Parsons moved to another part of the City and opened a grocery Store at New Slip in company with one Jennings. In May last Parsons finding out that he could not procure license to retail liquor without producing and surrendering up the license he held for the last year, called upon Mr. Rogers and requested the loan of the old license until the next day, when he would return it. Rogers, without knowing that it would prevent him from renewing the same, let him have it. [170] Parsons proceeded with it to the Mayor's Office, got his license, gave up the old one to be cancelled and left Rogers in the lurch, who

afterwards applied for a license and was refused on account of not having the former license to be given up."

(signed) Alpheus Sherman.

whereupon it was resolved that petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The Counsel presented the draught of a Law entitled "A Law to amend the law to regulate the public markets." which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Deborah Morris, Ann Smith, John Van Sice and Mary Waldron, reported:

"That as the Corporation are merely the legal agents for collecting and distributing the amount assessed for improvements in opening streets, and are bound to pay the awards of the Commissioners at the period fixed by law, they have no alternative left them except to insist on the payment of the money due from the petitioners or to advance it from funds required [171] for other purposes, which under existing circumstances is inadmissible. The Committee are of opinion, also, that in addition to the inability of the Corporation to advance money for the purposes alluded to, it would be improper, inasmuch as a precedent would be established which would tend to encourage similar applications and thereby embarrass future collections for the like purposes. They therefore recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier

which was approved.

The same Committee, on petition of Julia M. Lawrence, reported: "That they are unable to assign any reason why the money thus appropriated has not been set apart and vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund as directed by the resolutions adopted on the occasion, and altho' they entertain doubts as to the constitutional powers of the Common Council in matters of national policy, unconnected with the immediate interests of this City they nevertheless consider the present Board bound [172] to carry into effect the liberal intentions of their predecessors, and therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

"Resolved. that the Comptroller be instructed to report a warrant

for the principal and interest of the appropriation made the children of the late Captain James Lawrence, agreeably to a Resolution of the Corporation passed the 14th of September 1813, and that the same be vested in the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Ake[r]ly
" Peter Mesier

which was unanimously agreed to.

The Special Committee, on the petition for a Bell in the Market lately erected in the Tenth Ward, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to have a suitable Bell put upon said Market as soon as the same conveniently can be done."

(signed) R. Munson S. Allen
" J. B. Taylor D. Board
" S. Akerly

which was approved

[173] The Committee of Applications, on the petition of William Freeman for appointment of measurer of grain &c. reported that he was a suitable person to receive said appointment Whereupon he was appointed a Measurer of grain &c. in this City.

The same Committee, on the petition of Abel Smith, made a similar report—which was approved, and he was accordingly appointed a Measurer of grain &c. in this City.

The Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition for a Well in Willet Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved and the Street Commissioner was directed to report an Ordinance therefor.

The Committee of Public Offices on the petition of Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights and Measures, reported: "That they find that the City and County of New York have never obtained the sets of Weights and Measures directed to be procured by the Act of the Legislature passed the 13th March 1813. Your Committee find that there has been much irregularity and difference in the standards used to seal by, and that the measures now used [174] on the North side of the City are different dimensions to those used on the East Side, and that even the City standard half bushel is different from the State standard half bushel. Under these circumstances your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the County Sealer be authorised to procure from the Secretary of State, at the expence of this Board and under the direction of this Committee, a complete set of weights and measures, in conformity to the act of the Legislature passed the 13th March

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Steph. Allen
" Saml. Akerly

which was approved.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Elm Street, reported in favor of the same—which was approved, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance for the same, which was passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Beaver Street, reported as their opinion that the same should be paved between Broad and William Streets—which was approved, [175] and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an ordinance therefor—which was passed.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Collister Street, reported as their opinion that the prayer should be granted and that the Street Commissioner should be directed to report an Ordinance therefor—which was approved.

The Committee of Laws, on the subject of licensing Dirt Cartmen, reported the following resolutions:

"Resolved that from and after the 15th day of October next no person shall be permitted to cart any earth or dirt within this City for hire or reward without a license for that purpose from his Honor the Mayor under the penalty of Ten dollars for each offence.

"Resolved. that the Counsel of this Board be requested to draft and prepare an Ordinance in conformity to the foregoing report."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thos. Bolton

which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report an ordinance agreeably thereto.

[176] The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Thomas Morrell and others, reported: "That they have examined the condition of the said Slip and find that the water there is too shallow to admit boats of any considerable size and will require to be filled for some distance before it can be used as a public Slip, and, as it is now leased to the petitioners for several years as a landing place for their ferry, your

Committee can perceive no reason to refuse the prayer of their petition and accordingly offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that permission be granted to Thomas Morrell and his associates to sink a block or drive piles in Grand Street Slip in such manner as to afford a convenient landing place for their ferry, provided the same be done under the inspection or according to the direction of the Street Commissioner"

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Aaron Ogden, reported the following Resolution:

[177] "Resolved that the exclusive privilege of a birth be granted to Colonel Aaron Ogden for his Steam Ferry Boat at the Southwesterly side of Whitehall Slip at any place between the Ferry Stairs and the head of the said Slip from the present time until the 1st day of May 1820 on his paying therefore the sum of Fifty dollars

"Provided that in the absence of the said Boat the birth shall be free for any other vessel And provided also that the privilege hereby granted shall not be construed to authorize the said Aaron Ogden to lay up his boat in the said Slip during the winter season."

(signed) E. W. King
" John P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved.

The Ferry Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the First ward, on the petition of William Van Beuren, reported. "That in their opinion the prayer thereof is reasonable and ought to be granted. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that permission be granted to William Van Beuren to erect a Boat house on the East side of Pier No. 1 at the Battery under the [178] direction of the Street Commissioner."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" Jno. P. Anthony
" Peter Mesier
" Thos. Bolton

which was approved and the resolution proposed adopted.

The following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen and agreed to: "Resolved that the Finance Committee be authorised to treat with Silvanus Miller Esqr. for a certain gore of ground adjoining the land belonging to him near the corner of Water Street, being 14 feet on Water Street and 161 feet deep, extending along Roosevelt Street to Front street; and that the said Committee, in the event of their being unable to treat as aforesaid, be authorised to sell the said gore of ground at public auction to the highest bidder." which was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Allen also presented a Resolution directing the Comptroller to call on the Collectors of the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th wards for the Tax books of the [179] years 1811, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815 and 1816 and in the event of their refusal to report the same to the Board—which was agreed to.

Alderman Taylor presented the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for the completion of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street." Motions to refer it to the Committee on Wharves, the Committee of Finance, to postpone and to adjourn were severally made and lost. Mr. Stevens then proposed the following amendment to be added to the resolution—"As soon as the individuals interested in the Northerly side pay their proportion of the expence of the pier now building on the Northerly side of said Basin." The question being taken on agreeing to said amendment, and a division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affirmative Ald. Mesier King Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Akerly Allen

Negative Ald. Morss, Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin

The question was then taken on the Resolution as amended and agreed to.

[180] The following was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that Roosevelt Street be regulated and paved from Batavia Street to the East River and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance therefor." which was agreed to, and the Street Commissioner immediately presented an Ordinance which was passed.

Alderman Taylor presented the following:

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to consider and report whether it would be proper to petition the Legislature at their next

Session to grant the Corporation of this City the privilege of insuring property in the City and County of New York against loss or damage by fire"—which was referred to Ald. Taylor, Munson Messrs. Stevens, Board Parker.

Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to borrow on the credit of the Corporation a sum not exceeding Thirty thousand dollars, and that the same be borrowed in such amounts as the exigencies of the Finances shall require, and at an interest not exceeding 6 per cent." which was agreed to.

[181] The Report of the Ferry Committee on the Communication of the Counsel respecting granting to D. D. Tompkins and Noah Brown the privilege of extending the Ferry House at Whitehall, which was presented at the last meeting and laid for consideration, was now called up and being read was as follows: "No inconvenience can result from increasing the size of the said Ferry House and your Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution on the subject:

"Resolved that the consent of this Corporation be and the same is hereby granted to his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins and Noah Brown to erect under the direction of the Street Commissioner a suitable Ferry house on the spot heretofore designated for that purpose. not exceeding 11 feet square and not more than 15 feet high."

(signed) E. W. King
" John P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

The question being taken on agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative, the Resolution therein proposed agreed to, and the lease reported by the Counsel to D. D. Tompkins and N. Brown in relation to the Ferry was directed to be filled up agreeably to the report and executed in the recess of the Board.

[182] The report of the Committee on the subject of Weighmasters and the Resolutions on the same subject proposed by Mr. Allen on the 7th inst. were called up and read and after some discussion were referred to the same Committee with the addition of Mr. Allen.

The Reports of the Committee on the subject of the regulations of Greenwich Village were called up and the further consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 14th inst	$4050.66	
Received for rents	4641.80	
" " Streets	16800.00	
" " Fourth Street	5,200.	
" " Arrears of Tax	1400.	32,092.46

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Clark & Hibberd— do. 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do	413.	
Andw Van Orden—Keeper of Battery—1 month to 15th instant	45.	
Columbian Office advs Arrears of Tax	108.	
[183] Ann Payne—Awd for Roosevelt Street	4611.	
Peter Griffen— do. do	4075.	
Heirs of B. P. Beekman—Awd do.	3447.72	
Dennis H. Doyle— do. do	2866.	
John Culbert— do. do	1449.	
John Marschalk— do. do.	920.	
James Bartine— do. do.	881.	
Ann Crooker & Mary Moncrief bal. do	777.	
Jemima Conkling— Awd do.	658.02	
Heirs of J. Buchanan— do. do.	585.	
Titus & Conkling— do. do	192.48	
Jac. Lorillard—balce do. Cross St	524.06	
Steph. Weeks— do. Henry St	411.13	
John W. Oddie— do. do	372.26	
William Warner do. do.	361.13	
David West—regg & pavg Ludlow St	200.	
Peter De Baum—regg Hudson St. from Charlton to Christopher St	3000.	
John Gallagher. on account for a Well in Vandam Street	50.	
Geo. Lovett—balce 2d Instalment—piers at Spring Street	1475.	
J. P. Roome—Superintt of repairs—for reprs Pier 13 No River—Corpn property	593.	
[184] J. McComb—Street Comr to pay for earth filling block Charlton Street	500.	
Thos. McCready—delivering Tickets—at Charlton Street	45.	
Alderman Munson—3 Casks Oil—bought of M. Crosby	208.55	
John McComb—Street Commissioner—for repairs public Roads	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of repairs—for repairs	907.	
Thomas Barnum—Superintg Wharves—24 days to 20th inst.	48.	32,048.60
	Balance	$43.86

[185] In Common Council Sept. 28. 1818.

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

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The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calender of persons confined in the Bridewell reported by the Keeper with the following observations thereon:

"It is satisfactory to remark that tho' there are many criminals there are not more than a comparison with other places of equal population would give as reason to expect: and it is still more satisfactory to observe that there are but [186] few instances of crimes of a high nature and very few that mark a union of cruelty or violence and depravity. This observation is warranted not only by the present calender but by a consideration of the cases which were disposed of by the last Court of Sessions, at which there were thirty seven prisoners convicted and sentenced, most of them for inferior crimes.

It is also worthy of remark that a very great proportion of the petty offences which were brought before the Sessions were found to have originated in, or were connected with dram shops and little groceries. A great majority of the assaults and batteries were committed by persons who were heated by liquor drunk in these nurseries of vice—And in cases of petty thefts, in very many instances it was found that the thieves made these places their resort.

This view of the operation of our criminal code encourages us to hope that it may be as effectual for the prevention of crimes as the laws of other countries which are of a more sanguinary nature—tho' the crouded state of our prisons, the consequent necessity [187] for frequent pardons and want of means to employ convicts are very unfavorable to the contemplated operation of our system."

All of which is respectfully submitted by the Mayor.

which observations were directed to be entered on the Minutes.

A Request of the Commissioners of the Common School Fund for

the City and County of New York for payment of their moiety to be distributed among the Schools interested was read and referred to the Committee of Finance.

A petition of William Paulding for permission to construct a vault in Harrison Street, was read and granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition of Nicholas Fiengo for relief from an assessment of a personal Tax, he being only a transient person and having rented a tenement conditionally—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[188] A petition of Christopher Merkle to hire the cellar under Duane Market for a Wheelwright's Shop, was read and referred to the Market Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Fifth Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A Communication of Jacob Acker Inspector of Firewood for Eleventh Inspection District, stating that he has constructed an Instrument by which a Load of Firewood may be measured with great accuracy and dispatch, and requesting the same may be examined by a Committee—was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Recommendation in favor of William Herriman to be appointed a City Weigher; of John Drevvelin to be appointed an Inspector of firewood; and a petition of Abraham Cole for appointment of Measurer of grain were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of George Ireland, requesting that a part of a Brick Cistern may be extended [189] about three feet in the street at a building he is erecting corner of William and Frankfort Streets, accompanied by a Communication of the Street Commissioner stating that he had examined the premises and recommended granting the prayer of the petition—were severally read, and the petition granted on the usual terms and under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants, that the Sidewalks of Water Street as far as to the East of Clinton Street and that the sidewalks on the North side of Cherry Street may be paved were read, also a remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants against laying the Side walks in Cherry Street East of Rutger Street—were severally read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Charles Lee, stating that he had two wooden houses within the Fire limits, that he was desirous of pulling one down and removing the other upon the foundation of the one removed, and pray-

ing permission therefor—was read and leave was given to the petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[190] A petition of Anthony Ferris for permission to sell fruit in Catharine Market: of Bridget Lyon to be permitted to continue to sell small wares at the head of the Lower Fly Market: of Abraham Pierre for permission to sell smoked beef in Fly Market: of Martin Hills and George *Evens* [Ewen] for Stall No 28 Fly Market—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Representation on the inconvenience of permitting square rigged vessels to occupy births in the public Slips to the exclusion of Market and other small craft. was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A petition of Nathan Morse for release of a judgment recovered against him for selling liquor without license and on which judgment he was now in execution and confinement in gaol, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Charlton Street that said street between Greenwich & Hudson [191] Streets may be regulated, and paved, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from the Inhabitants and Owners of lots in Franklin Street, praying that the Sidewalks of said Street between Elm Street and Broadway may be paved, was referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances. which were passed: Viz. for a Well and pump in the 2d Avenue between North and First Streets, and for regulating Canal Street from the Bulkhead at Washington Street to the Easterly side of Collect Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors in the first and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong in the last.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the Assessments for opening Fourth Street and for paving Franklin Street, and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collectors for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for paving Franklin Square, which was confirmed and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

[192] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Jac. Valentine—Blacksmith—Crosby n. Grand. 6 ward vice Oliver Knapp Resigned

No. 37.

Francis Ennis, Rope Maker, Stanton c. Norfolk—10 w[d] vice James Woods—Resigned.

David Knapp. Rope Maker—Rivington St. 10 w[d] vice Frederick Castine Deceased

No. 39.

William Akers, Taylor—225 Greenwich St. 3 ward vice Chs. D. Stonehouse—Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed.

1	And. Stockholm	Own.	508 Pearl St.	Lot
2	Corn[s] J. Bogert	do.	do. do	do
3	G. M[c]Kay	do.	Cross & Mulberry	Privy
	C. Schanck	Occ.		
4	G. M[c]Kay	Own.	104 Cross	do
	R. F. Williams	Occ.		
5.	A. W. Hardenbrook	Own.	37 Lombardy	do
	G. Addison	Occ.		
6	T. Griffen	Own.	88 Read	do
	H. Mahan	Occ.		
	[193] J. M[c]Koy	Own.	41 Henry St.	do
	G. Miller	Occ.		
8	B. Birdsall	Own.	35 Anthony St.	do
	L. Chasey	Occ.		

The Counsel presented a Lease to Aaron Ogden for a Birth for a Steam Boat on the West side of Whitehall Slip which was directed to be duly executed.

The Attorney stated that complaints had been made to him against Franci[e]s Hammelin Innkeeper for permitting gambling in her house. Whereupon the Attorney was directed to commence a prosecution against her for the forfeiture thereby incurred.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others, presented a report, which was read and the consideration thereof postponed.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred so much of the observations of his Honor the Mayor as related to the confinement of Slaves in the City Prison or Bridewell, reported: "That by an Ordinance of the Board passed in 1812 the Keeper [194] of the City Prison was authorized to receive Slaves by a Warrant from a Magistrate on condition that the Master or mistress should deposit a sum sufficient

for their maintenance during their confinement. In the subsequent revision of the Laws this Ordinance was not renewed, and of course expired under the act of limitation of Corporation Laws. Your Committee can now find no existing law by which this practice is continued unless it is drawn from the late resolution of the Board which delegates no authority for Commitment but merely provides for their maintenance during confinement. Your Committee has no doubt but that the resolution referred to was predicated on the supposition that a power of commitment existed under some other law and that it was not the intention of the Board to create that power by the Resolution. In reference to the Law of the State passed in 1817 concerning the emprisonment of Apprentices and servants who refuse to serve their masters, your Committee can find nothing in relation to the subject, it relating to servants made free after 28 years of age and not slaves, so that the practice which [195] has grown out of the ordinance of 1812 has since its expiration continued without authority in so shameful and oppressive a degree that it has become common to receive the already miserable slave in our Bridewell without a commitment or complaint but merely the assertion of oppressive tyranny or the wanton desire of hardened cruelty. The mere will of a petty despot not only established a crime, but was the fiat of punishment. It is not the province of your Committee to express an opinion respecting the right by which one fellow creature holds in bondage the liberty of another, enslaving the mind as well as body. Your Committee are not called upon to defend or condemn the strange anomaly between that natural and indefeasible charter of man expressed in our Declaration of Independence and the fact of the existence of slavery under a constitution solemnly erected on this basis—But your Committee cannot abstain from expressing their abhorrence of a practice which consigns a fellow creature to the punishment of a malefactor for no other crime than the misfortune of being a Slave. The prisons of this commonwealth were erected for the punishment and prevention of crimes affecting the whole. Private [196] grievances are, in almost every instance redressed by private actions, and your Committee can see no good reason for adding to the catalogue of evils attending the unfriended slave the infamous punishment of a common felon for a private offence, at times so trivial that it is only conceived from the circumstance of his being a slave.

Your Committee cannot perceive that any injury can arise to masters by prohibiting their commitment to the public prison; at least the inconvenience cannot equal the injustice of a criminal punishment

without trial and the inconvenience of crouding the prison already too much inhabited by felons. In all cases the power of the master over the slave is sufficiently ample to enable him to confine him for domestic offences in his own house, and this in the opinion of your Committee will answer every end, and is scope enough for domestic tyranny to exercise under the sanction of law. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

"Resolved that the Keeper of the Bridewell be instructed not to receive in his [197] custody any person without a regular commitment according to Law for some public Crime expressed in the Warrant of Commitment, and that henceforth the practice of receiving slaves for safe keeping be abolished—That if any slave or slaves be in custody for safe keeping without a commitment from some magistrate duly authorised, notice shall be given to the owner or owners of such slave or slaves to receive him, her or them in their custody in three days thereafter, or that he, she or they will be discharged, and at the expiration of such time, in case of non compliance on the part of the owner or owners, said keeper is hereby commanded to discharge such slave or slaves."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved, and the resolution therein proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of Jonathan Carlton, reported: "That having taken the opinion of the Chief Engineer on the subject, who examined the same and who represents the facts in the petition to be true and that the Building is [198] strictly agreeable to law—they therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Suit by this Board against Jonathan Carlton be discontinued without costs." respectfully submitted

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved

The Street Committee, on the petition for widening Washington Street, reported:

"That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; Therefore offer the following resolution:

"Resolved. that Washington Street from Courtlandt Street to the property of Edward Bardin's be widened to fifty feet, and that the Counsel take necessary steps to have the same carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip

which was agreed to.
and the resolution proposed agreed to.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips. on the petition of Niobe Minturn, reported:

[199] "That agreeably to a report of the Finance Committee. sometime since, which was approved by the Board, Messrs. Minturn and Champlin were to have a grant for the water in front of their property between Dover and Roosevelt Streets on the same terms as Doctor Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew, Viz. at one dollar a foot and paying 13 years arrears of rent to 1st May 1818 and 12 years interest on the same.

"As the memorialist appears to be the present owner of the property described in this Memorial, the Committee would recommend that the Counsel should be directed to prepare a grant on the same terms as above mentioned."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Samuel Stevens
" Robert McQueen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

which was approved and on motion it was resolved that the Counsel prepare a grant agreeably thereto.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Patten, reported:

"That agreeably to [200] a report of the Finance Committee some time since, which was approved by the Board, Messrs. Minturn and Champlin were to have a grant for the water in front of their property between Dover Street and Roosevelt Street, on the same terms as Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew, viz. at one dollar a foot and paying 13 years arrears of rent to 1st May 1818 and 12 years rent on the same.

"As Mr. Patten appears to be the present owner of the property described in his Memorial, the Committee would recommend that he

receive a grant on the same terms and that the Counsel be directed to prepare one accordingly."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Samuel Stevens
" Robert M^cQueen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

which was approved and it was resolved that the Counsel prepare a grant agreeably thereto.

The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips and Comptroller, to whom was referred the report of the Counsel of the 22^d December 1817 on the [201] petition of James Striker and wife, presented a report.

The Report of the Counsel was as follows:

"The Counsel of the Board herewith respectfully submits a surrender of a grant of a Water-lot by James Striker and Mary his wife, which lot was several years since granted by the Corporation to him. The Surrender was prepared by the late Counsel of the Board and has been duly executed and acknowledged by Mr. Striker and his wife, who represents that in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen the Corporation agreed to accept the surrender and release him from the payment of the rents in arrear. The Counsel has not been able to find in the Minutes the Order of the Board upon the subject, tho' he has no doubt that such an order was made. Mr. Striker declines paying the rents which have accrued since the order was made. The counsel now submits the Deed for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is the pleasure of the Board that it shall be accepted and Mr. Striker released from the payment of all the rents in arrear."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

The Report of the Committee was as follows:

"That the Surrender of the Water grant, made to James Striker on the 10^th August 1804, [202] be accepted and he released from the payment of all rents in arrear. Mr. Striker's deed accompanying this has been executed and acknowledged and it is recommended that the Comptroller should have it recorded and then filed in his office, and that Mr. Striker's account be closed on the books."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Saml. Stevens
" Robt. M^c Queen
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" G. N. Bleecker

Whereupon it was resolved that the Board accept the surrender of the Water grant offered to them by Mr. Striker and that the Comptroller cause the same to be filed and Mr. Striker's account closed.

The Committee on Public Offices on the petition of Terence Tiffany, reported:

"That as the Board have passed a resolution on the subject of the Dirt Cartmen which will probably prevent future applications of this nature, and as the Committee believe the facts stated in the petition, they [203] offer the following resolution:

"Resolved that the fine within mentioned be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen

It was moved to strike out from the report "on payment of costs" which was agreed to and the report as amended was adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Graham and others, reported: "That as the Board at their last meeting passed a resolution which it is hoped will prevent further difficulty on the subject of Cartmen employed in removing dirt, and as your Committee believe the facts stated in the petition they offer the following resolution.

"Resolved that the fine within mentioned be remitted on payment of costs."

(signed) Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

whereupon it was moved to strike from the report the words "on payment of costs" which was agreed to and the report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Laws and Counsel, agreeably to the orders of the Board at the last meeting, reported [204] a Law to amend a Law to regulate Carts and Cartmen in the City of New York—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to:

"Whereas the Supreme Court did at the last term confirm the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed for opening and improving Anthony Street between Collect and Orange Streets—And by a Law passed at the last Session of the Legislature this Common Council is empowered to suspend the opening and improving any street for such time as they shall think proper, not

exceeding 15 months after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners &c. Wherefore

"Resolved that the opening of Anthony Street between Collect and Orange Streets be suspended until the 1st day of May next, at which time the buildings and incumbrances shall be removed and the Collection of the Assessment commence."

Mr. Allen presented the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be authorized to invest the a- [205] mount granted by the Corporation to the children of the late Captain James Lawrence in such securities, bearing an interest, as in their opinion shall be most advisable: provided, however, that said investment shall not impair the claim of the surviving child, at the time of her arrival at the age of eighteen years, to the whole amount of money appropriated, including the interest, in conformity to the true tenor and spirit of the resolutions on that subject passed September 1813." which was agreed to.

Mr. Allen presented also the following resolutions:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner to enquire whether it is expedient to repave the Bowery and regulate the sidewalks of the same from its intersection with Chatham Square to Broome Street, and also to regulate and pave the remainder extending from Broome Street aforesaid to Art Street, and if in their opinion it shall be deemed necessary and expedient, that they be instructed to report an Ordinance accordingly, to take effect as early in the spring of 1819 as may be.

"Resolved that the said Committee be instructed to take into consideration also whether [206] it is proper, under all the circumstances, that a part of the expence of paving said Street, should be paid by the Corporation and that they report their opinion to the Board accordingly." which were agreed to.

A Resolution extending the time for the New York and Brooklyn Steam Boat Company to place on the Ferry a Team Boat, was presented and being read was referred to the Ferry Committee.

Alderman Underhill presented a Resolution which was agreed to in the words following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller of this Board be requested to call upon the Clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church for a Grant by said Church of ground between Washington and Greenwich streets for a Market place."

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 21st inst	43.86	
Received for Streets	2600.	
" " Fourth Street	900.	
" " Wells and Pumps	250.38	
Loan of Mechanics' Bank authd 21 ins	8000.	11,794.24

[207] Accounts Audited.

W. J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr—1 mo. 1st Octr	52.	
Obadh Ayres— do do	52.	
Saml Hutchings—St. Inspr do	52.	
Astin & Cochrane, Messengers— do	60.	
T. & J. Swords—Laws & Maps, Members Board	357.96	
Edd Greaves—Watchman—Witness—Vs J. Mills. 16 ins	2.	
Sarah G. Beekman—Awd Roosevelt St	7717.	
Ann Payne— do do balce	454.18	
Chs. Mooney—regs Collect Street	500.	
Thomas Rich—Award for Henry St	482.23	
Jas. Vincent—reg. Barrow St	200.	
Jac. Lorillard—bal. Awd for Cross St	125.94	
Henry Voorhies—1st Instt Well—Mott St	67.73	
Robt Pettigrew—bal. Well—Beach St	29.35	
Geo. Snethen—Sup. & light. lamps—1 mo. 1 Oct	763.34	
Hill & Ayres—fills Dey St. Basin	500.	
Jno. Mullanphy—1 year's rent wharf Courtlandt St. 1 Aug. 1818	300.	11,715.73
	Balance	$78.51

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[208] In Common Council Oct. 5. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden—Mayor—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Geo. B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Effingm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of William Pasman for a Stall in Spring Street Market

and a petition of Mary Jones for a Huckster's Stand in one of the Markets—were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Ebenezer Allen, stating that a prosecution had been commenced against him for encumbering the Street with an Anchor [209] which Anchor was not the property of petitioner, and praying said Suit may be discontinued—was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Caleb Sutton for appointment of Measurer of Grain was read and granted and petitioner accordingly appointed.

A petition of David Dunham, in behalf of himself and others interested in the Ferry at the foot of Delancey Street, praying permission to erect at the gateway of the bridge two small lodges or one story buildings to accommodate the Ferry Master and persons waiting for a passage, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition of Sundry Pawnbrokers, stating infractions of the law respecting pawnbrokers according to their construction of the law—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Request from the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening Varick Street, to be furnished with a profile of the intended regulation of said street [210] from the North side of Vandam Street to the centre of Hamersly Street was read and ordered that the Street Commissioner furnish the profile requested.

A further petition of Joseph Tremain for appointment of Weighmaster, was read and laid on the Table.

A petition of a number of persons licensed as Dirt Cartmen, praying an alteration in the late Law amending the Law respecting Cartmen so as to authorize them to cart stones used in building, was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition of Sundry Inhabitants that Beach Street may be paved and the side-walks laid was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Andrew Allen for remission of fine incurred by encumbering the street with Firewood was read and the fine remitted on payment of Cost.

A petition of Eliza Norman, William Norman [211] and Eveline Norman, Infants, by Eliphalet Wheeler their guardian, was presented, stating that they are heirs of John Norman deceased, that there has been awarded by the Commissioners of Estimate on opening Fourth Street to said petitioners and to John Norman their brother and Ann Dally, Wife of Abraham Dally sister of petitioners, the sum of Seven

thousand five hundred dollars, and praying that the portion of said Sum belonging to petitioners may be deposited with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, in order that petitioners may apply to said Court in the ensuing October term for a disposition of the same agreeably to law. A similar petition from Abraham Dally and Ann his Wife, by Eliphalet Wheeler Guardian of said Ann Dally his wife, formerly Ann Norman, and one of the heirs of said John Norman, stating the interest of said Ann to one fifth of said award of Commissioners and praying the same may be paid into the Supreme Court—were read and referred to the Finance Committee and Counsel with authority to comply with the requests of said petitioners.

The Comptroller, reported respecting a Deed from Trinity Church for ground for a Market in [212] Christopher Street as follows: "That, agreeably to a Resolution passed at the last meeting, he called on the Clerk of the Corporation of Trinity Church and obtained the draft of a deed of cession for a piece of ground on the Southerly side of Christopher Street between Greenwich and Washington Streets for a Market. A Blank is left in this Deed, to be filled with the breadth of a passage way which is to be left open for public accommodation on the Southerly side of the Market house. As the vegetable Market place, together with the building, will occupy 30 feet, there will remain 20 feet of the ground ceded for a Street. It is respectfully recommended that the blank should be filled accordingly, and that the Counsel of the Board should prepare a Counterpart and have the regular conveyances executed and exchanged."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker (Compt.)
Comptroller.

Whereupon it was resolved that the Deed be referred to the Market Committee to fill up the Blanks and that the said Deed be accepted and entered on record.

[213] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 3.

John F. Miller—Carver—Moore c. Water Sts. 1 ward—vice John Shedden—removed

No. 41

Henry Lake—Butcher—Broome c. Sheriff—10th ward—vice Richard Funnell—resigned

Joseph Mills—Cartman—Cannon n. Delancey 10 w[d] vice Charles Garret removed

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and repaving Depeyster Street from Water Street to South Street which was passed and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Aquila Giles were appointed Assessors therein.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on an Assessment for widening Spring Street—whereupon a Warrant was ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Vandam Street and for one in Mott Street near Chatham Street. which was confirmed and Morris [214] D. Camp appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry nuisances—which were passed

1	C. Debevoise	Own.		
	J. Webb & A. Jennings	Occ.	91 Chapel St.	Privy
2	Mr. Smith	Own.		
	Jas. Grant	Agt.	25 Oak St.	do.
	L. Carroll	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented Two Deeds to Elbert Anderson, one for a Triangular piece of ground fronting Chamber Street and the other for a Lot of ground fronting on the same Street—which were directed to be duly executed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the remonstrance of a number of persons, owners of landed Estates lying in the Village of Greenwich, made a report on the 7[th] of September which was laid, and now being called up and read was as follows:

"The regulation of this Village from [215] its vicinity to the City is a subject of great public importance, as it soon will become united to and make a component part of the thickly populated part of the City. It is also a subject of much individual interest to the proprietors on whom the burden of the regulation falls. Your Committee have therefore given this subject their particular consideration: they have personally inspected and viewed the ground, they have examined the Maps and models, they have heard the gentlemen remonstrating, their Surveyor and their Counsel, and if the plan which your Committee herein recommend should hereafter be found not to have been

the best possible one which might have been adopted, your Committee will only have to regret the want of experience and information on a subject of this nature which may have led them to a wrong conclusion.

"The part of the Village of Greenwich which is the subject of the regulation lies principally between Herring Street (which may be termed the natural ridge or backbone of this part of the village) and the high ground at and near Broadway. The Water east of Herring Street naturally descends in a direction from the Hudson, forms the Streams called the Minetta, flows parallel [216] with the river, then circuitously, discharging themselves into the Hudson. The ground covered by the Minetta Streams, as well as considerable lands adjacent, lies too low to be improved for agricultural purposes, much less for the purpose of building on, to constitute the part of a populous City. A considerable part of the land, however affected by the regulation, lies sufficiently high for all the purposes of building, but requires to be raised to give its water the necessary descent, whether it is discharged over the surface of the Streets or thro' Sewers: but as Sewers require less descent to carry off water than the surface of streets, it results that the farther the Sewer is extended into this Village the less filling in will be required—and on this subject (the extension of the Sewer) has arisen the difference of opinion existing between the major part of the proprietors and the Street Commissioner in relation to the plan remonstrated against. This plan raised Asylum Street and made the water west of that Street flow directly into the Hudson and extended the Sewer to Carmine Street, making the Sewer about Two thousand six [217] hundred and eighty feet. As the water by this plan has to be carried over Streets to the Mouth of the Sewer at Carmine Street, it results that the ground has to be very considerably raised in many places to give the Streets the necessary descent. The raising of the ground, and the plan itself of the Street Commissioners, is, in the opinion of your Committee, the best plan which could have been projected to render the Surface of this village suitable to build on, yet it is to be regretted that the low value of property in the village and i[t]s total present unproductiveness should have made many of the proprietors unwilling that a plan should be adopted which would carry with it so extensive and permanent advantages, tho' it must be admitted that these advantages would have been purchased at very considerable expence but by no means at so great an expence as has been frequently stated in formal memorials and petitions where correctness of information is certainly expected from

gentlemen possessing character and reputation in the community. That the Board may form an opinion of the real expence of raising the surface of this land your Committee state:

"That from most of the Streets west of Asylum Street which were regulated the last season, there [218] was a large quantity of Surplus earth taken away and which might have been used to fill in the lots and regulate the Streets of this village at an expence of from 4 to 8 cents per load.

"The plan herein after mentioned will produce more surplus ground than the present plan, and your Committee are confident in the opinion that the removal and filling-in will be done at an expence of at least from 6 to 12½ cents per load: and your Committee further confidently state that from 10 to 12½ cents per load are the highest prices which have been given this season for earth within threefourths of a mile of this situation.

"Your Committee nevertheless recommend a partial alteration of the present plan. In doing so they have been influenced by a desire to meet the views and opinions of the proprietors who have remonstrated, and to lessen the expence of filling in as much as is consistent with the proper raising and regulating the low lands and carrying off the water of this village—and your Committee think that even the proposed plan should not be carried into execution until a large ma- [219] jority of the proprietors wish the village regulated. By this delay the property will become more valuable and the proprietors consequently better enabled to pay the necessary Assessments.

"The plan, or alteration of the present plan, which your Committee recommend, is that the Sewer, to discharge the water from this Village, be laid thro' Clarkson, Carmine Street and the Sixth Avenue to about where Factory Street intersects the said Avenue, making the surface of the Sixth Avenue at this point about Thirteen feet above high water mark. This alteration will extend the Sewer from Carmine Street Eight hundred and forty feet, and will make the whole length of the Sewer Three thousand seven hundred feet, and will allow a descent on the bottom of the Sewer of about 2¾ of an inch for every hundred feet.

"By this regulation the present surface of the ground at the intersection of the Sixth Avenue, Christopher Street and Greenwich Lane will be about a proper height; the Sixth Avenue will have an ascent of 7½ inches on one hundred feet from the Sewer to Seventeenth Street, where the present surface is of a suitable height, between which and Twenty second Street the ground is so situated as to allow the water

to [220] be conveyed directly to the North River, with some deep digging between the Eighth Avenue and the River; but the Surplus earth will be required between the Sixth Avenue and Broadway or to fill in along the river, when the wharfing out to the Channel is undertaken. According to this plan all the Streets below Seventeenth Street will at the Sixth Avenue be depressed, which will increase the ascent to Broad way to about Ten inches on one hundred feet. The line will then rise at Ten inches on the hundred feet from the Sixth Avenue for four hundred feet, and then descend in a regular line to the North river.

" To prevent the lake or pond mentioned in the remonstrance, your Committee find that it was proposed to form a temporary drain to convey the Manetta Water to the intended Sewer, and which will be indispensible until the whole of the regulation is completed as far north as Twenty first street. A permanent culvert may therefore (if then thought proper) be constructed to receive the water of the East branch of the Manetta, which will tend to reduce the quantity [221] of filling in at that point, which will be a saving for the present: but your Committee are of opinion that the best plan will be to convey the water in a direct line from Broad Way to the Sixth Avenue.

" Your Committee have also paid particular attention to the manner in which Asylum Street has been regulated, with a view to reduce the height if practicable; but on examining the different elevations they do not find that it can be now done to advantage, for if the water is carried to Greenwich Lane and from thence to the Sewer the descent will not exceed Fourteen inches on the hundred feet and varies to seven and an half in proportion to the distance the different Streets are from the Sixth Avenue. Taking into view the situation of the property to the Southward and Eastward, the water of which now goes into the River, they are of opinion it would be unadvisable to reduce the present height of Asylum Street and thereby discharge considerable water, now falling to the Southward and West of it into the Sewer.

" By this plan the highest point on Greenwich Lane will be between Hammond and Bank Streets, where it will be about Six feet [222] above the present surface, which will allow a descent of 7½ inches on One hundred feet from this point to the Sewer, and the same to Thirteenth Street—The length of the Sewer being determined and also the height of Sixth Avenue, Asylum, Seventeenth Street and Broadway, of course all the intervening Streets must be made to conform.

" Your Committee therefore recommend that the Street Commis-

sioner be directed to make an exact plan and model in conformity to this report, that the proprietors may know the heights and levels agreed upon by the Corporation."

(signed)	G. Buckmaster	Jac. B. Taylor
"	Steph. Allen	Saml. Stevens
"	Geo. B. Thorp	Saml. Akerly
"	Jno. Morss	E. W. King

whereupon Mr. Allen presented the following resolution, which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the general plan of the report of the Committee on the subject of regulating the Village of Greenwich be adopted, and that the Street Commissioner prepare a model conformable thereto.

[223] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Resolution on the subject of treating with Silvanus Miller for a gore of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street, reported: "That said gore is 14 feet front on Water Street and 161 feet deep, extending to a point on Front Street, and was assessed by the Commissioners for widening said Street at 2556 dollars and 3 cents. The Committee are informed that according with a mutual understanding on the subject Mr. Miller was to possess the gore alluded to on his paying the amount which it would be assessed by the Commissioners: and from the following extract of a report made the 3d day of February 1818 and adopted by the Board, it will appear that an arrangement of the kind alluded to was actually agreed upon by Mr. Miller and a Committee of this Board:

"And that it (Roosevelt Street) be straightened from Water to "Front Street, as shewn on the plan "which will tend to lessen the "expence, as Silvanus Miller, who owns the property on the Westerly "side is willing to take the triangular piece of ground that will then "be left between his property and the proposed line of the Street at "a fair valuation."

[224] The Committee have but one opinion on this subject, which is that Mr. Miller ought immediately to comply with the agreement thus entered into, and to effect this object they propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to call upon Silvanus Miller Esqr. requesting that he will pay the amount assessed on a certain gore of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street and receive a Quit claim from the Corporation for the same.

"The Committee beg leave farther to state that the Commissioners

have also assessed on the ground under water in front of the property of Mr. Miller 600 dollars and 47 cents, and on that in front of the property of John Agnew 455 dollars and 39 cents to be paid by the Corporation; neither Miller or Agnew having obtained a grant for said ground. The Committee are not aware that any reason can be assigned why the Corporation should pay the Assessments on this property, particularly as a part of it is now occupied and built on by the owners of the land in front and as grants from the Corporation may be obtained by these gentlemen at any time on the [225] usual terms. They therefore recommend on this subject the passage of the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the Comptroller request Silvanus Miller and John Agnew to pay the amount assessed on the ground under water in front of their property near Roosevelt Street for widening said Street, and that they be farther requested to take out their Water grants for said property forthwith.

"Resolved that the Comptroller report to the Board the results on the foregoing resolutions, in order that further steps, if necessary, may be taken by the Corporation in the premises."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to. The Report of the Finance Committee, Street Commissioner and Comptroller, on the application of S. Miller respecting a Water grant which was presented on the Twenty second of December 1817 and laid on the Table was now called up and referred to the Finance Committee.

[226] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the application of the City Dispensary for payment of the Donation to the Vaccine Department, reported:

"That the donation alluded to was granted on certain conditions to be performed by the Trustees of the Institution, as will appear from the annexed extract from the report of the Committee on that subject.

"The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

"Resolved that the Clerk furnish the Trustees of the City Dispensary with a copy of the report on the subject of vaccination adopted

by this Board on the 16th of March 1818, with a request that the provisions therein contained may be complied with on their part."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson.
" Saml. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed adopted.

[227] The Chairman of the Special Committee, to whom was referred a report and certain Resolutions on the subject of Weighmasters, presented a Report, which, not being signed by a Majority of the Committee, was considered irregular. Mr. Allen then proposed the following Resolutions and rates for weighing, which having been read and considered were agreed to: Viz.

"Resolved that the number of Weighmasters appointed by the Common Council shall not exceed Twenty five.

"Resolved that a suitable person, being one of the Weighmasters, shall be appointed by this Board a Weighmaster general for the City and County of New York: That it shall be the duty of the Weighmaster general to provide and keep an office in a central part of the City, and attend said office daily at the usual hours of business to receive applications for weighing, direct the Weighmasters to the performance of their duty, and apportion the business among them in rotation, agreeably to a regular list of their names to be furnished by the Clerk of the Common Council for that purpose, in the first instance, and afterwards as they shall make their returns to the office. He shall copy the returns of the several [228] Weighmasters in a Book to be provided for the purpose, to which all persons interested may have free access at all reasonable times; which returns, when so copied, shall be carefully examined by the Weigher who has performed the service and signed by him. In the event of any of the Said Weighmasters refusing or neglecting to perform their duty or being guilty of any mal practice in office or other improper conduct, he shall report the facts and circumstances of the case to the Common Council, to the end that such delinquent may be removed from office. He shall, at the expence of the owner thereof, cause all scales and weights used by the said Weighmasters to be carefully adjusted on or before the first day of in each year, and oftener if necessary. He shall report in writing to the City Inspector once in every three months the total amount of receipts by the several Weighmasters. In case of sickness or inability to perform his said duties, he shall

appoint one of the Weighmasters to act in his stead, who shall be entitled to the fees of said Office during such attendance. He shall be entitled to receive for his said [229] services and for defraying the expence of Office rent and other incidental charges Five per cent on the whole amount of receipts by the Several Weighmasters, to be paid him on making their returns to the office.

" Resolved that each Weighmaster shall, at his own expence, keep one good and sufficient scales and weights, and shall weigh no article unless the application for that purpose has been first made to the Office and instructions received from the Weighmaster general accordingly. They shall make regular and true returns of their bills to the Office, in order to their being recorded, and the fees of the Weighmaster general promptly paid. They shall be entitled to demand and receive the following fees, the one half to be paid by the buyer and the other half by the Seller; but the employer shall be liable for the payment thereof in the first instance: that is to say

	For Weighing
Anchors 12 cwt. and under	12½ cts. per cwt.
do. from 12 to 20 cwt	18¾ cts. per cwt.
do. above 20 cwt	25 cts. per cwt.
Cables under 25 cwt	18¾ cts. per cwt.
do. from 25 & under 30 cwt	20 cts. per cwt.
do. 30 cwt. and upwards	25 cts. per cwt.
[230] Old Rigging, Junk, Copper Brass, old Iron, Cassia in Bundles, Cork Wood, glue, Deerskins loose, Moss and Oakum loose	12½ cts. per cwt.
Cheese when loose. Fish do. Fruits, Almonds, Twine, Drugs and Dye Stuffs, Hollow Ware, Brazil sugar in boxes, Bolts, Sheet Lead, Sheets of Copper, Brass or Zinc, Brazilette Wood, Carrots or Rolls of Tobacco, Iron Wire when unpacked	5 cts. per cwt.
Hemp, Flax, Hides, Nicargua Wood	4 cts. per cwt.
Rolls of Hempen Yarns	25 cts. per roll.
Butter, Lard, Tobacco in Kegs or Firkins, Ceroons of Tobacco, Kegs of Raisins, Nails and Spikes in kegs	4 cts. per keg or Ceroon.
Cotton in Bales, Deer & other peltry in packs or bundles, Bundles of Hay, Wool, Feathers, and Rags in bales, Moss and Oakum in bales or packs	10 cts. per pack, bale, bundle or bag.
Hogsheads of Tobacco	37½ cts. per hhd.
Tea, Bohea, per chest	20 cts.
[231] Teas, Bohea, per half chest	10 cents
Quarter chests of Bohea and all other chests of Tea	per chest or package 5 cts.

	For Weighing
Cassia and Rhubarb in chests and Indigo Ceroons	6 cents each.
do. in Boxes—per Box.....	12½ cents.
Pig Iron, Plaster and Burr Stones.....	2 cts. per cwt.
Stills, Worms & Cabouses under 10 cwt.....	18 cts. per cwt.
do. from 10 to 20 cwt.....	25 cts. per cwt.
do. over 20 cwt.....	25 cts. per cwt.
All other goods, Wares & articles not before enumerated	2½ cts. per cwt.

The Weighmaster to have a right to charge one Dollar when they remove their scales, provided the Weighing does not amount to that sum.

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be instructed to draft an Ordinance in conformity with the principles of the foregoing Resolutions, combining all that part of the present law necessary and consistent and introducing a clause repealing the remainder."

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Abraham Cole for appointment of Measurer of Grain, reported in his favor and he was accordingly appointed to that office.

[232] The Street Committee, on the petition for paving part of Franklin Street, Reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Sidewalks in Franklin Street from Elm Street to Broadway be regulated and paved and that the Street [Commissioner] prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) J. B. Taylor: S. Parker
" Jno. Morss. L. Kip.

which was approved, and the Resolution proposed adopted.

The same Committee, on the petition for paving Charlton Street reported the following Resolution:

"That the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."
which was agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition for widening Market Street, reported:

"That in the opinion of the Committee the prayer of the petition ought to be granted.

"It is proposed by the petitioners that said [233] Street be widened Ten feet on each side making it Sixty feet, instead of forty its former width. It appears that Colonel Rutgers and others, the owners of the

principal property in that street, have sold a number of lots and leased others upon which substantial fireproof buildings have been erected, and that in conveying the said property ten feet in front have been thrown out into the Street, and they are willing in widening the said Market Street to convey to the Corporation the Ten feet in front of all their lots as well as those which have been leased or sold. But it farther appears that certain articles of agreement between Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker and others, binding each other to throw out Ten feet in front of their lots on both sides of Market Street for the purpose of widening the same, and never after to claim the same. A Map comporting with this agreement has been filed in the Street Commissioner's Office, and the agreement itself has been "Recorded in the Office of Register in and for the City and County of New York in Lib: No. 107 of Conveyances &c. of page 301; on the Eigth day of August 1814"—but this Instrument is not satisfactory, inasmuch as the title to the ground thrown out and to be thrown out is not vested in the Corporation. Your Committee, however, un- [234] derstand that Colonel Rutgers Anna Banker and others of that family are willing to make a satisfactory conveyance of the Ten feet in front of all their lots fronting on Market Street. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Counsel to the Board take the necessary steps to vest in the Corporation the Ten feet in front of all lots on Market Street which Colonel Henry Rutgers and others may be willing to cede for the purpose of widening said Street.

"Resolved that when the aforesaid cession shall be made satisfactory to the Counsel, he be and is hereby directed to take the necessary steps by an application to the Supreme Court for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to widen Market Street to Sixty feet by taking Ten feet in front of the several lots on each side and to extend the widening of said Street from Cherry Street to Harman Street."

(signed) Jac. B. Taylor
" S. Akerly: S Parker
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolutions proposed adopted.

[235] A Resolution was passed directing a Warrant for Four hundred Dollars to be reported in favor of the Treasurer of the Board of Health for payment of the accounts of the said Establishment.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution, directing the purchase of a Lot of ground on which to place the Engine House now stand-

ing in Canal Street, which was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to report.

Mr. Allen presented the following: which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be authorized to contract for the unfinished part of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street: provided such contract shall be made at a price not exceeding the rate per foot to be paid for that part of said Basin already completed; and provided farther that the Corporation shall not be bound to pay the amount of such contract before the month of June ensuing."

He also presented the following—which was agreed to:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to take into consideration the propriety of continuing the several Constables & Marshalls [236] assigned to attend the Police Office the extra allowance of pay for services rendered by direction of the Special Justices, agreeably to a Report of a Committee adopted by the Common Council the 3d day of February 1812: and that said Committee report to the Board as early as may be."

Alderman Munson presented the following—which was agreed to:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of Estimate for the Market place between Crane Wharf and Fulton Street be and are hereby ordered and directed to make a just and equitable estimate of the value of the benefit and advantage to the respective Owners, Lessees, parties and persons respectively entitled unto or interested in the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premises which the said Commissioners may deem to be benefitted by and in consequence of erecting upon the said premises a public Market; in pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed March 14. 1817, authorizing the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain lands."

[237] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 28th Septr	78.51	
Recd for Rents	2588.85	
" " Tax of 1818—2d & 6th wards	2800.	
" " Tavern Licenses	132.20	
" " Mayoralty fees	130.	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	894.	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
" " Streets	1941.39	8664.95

Accounts Audited.

Anderson and Walton—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower. do. 3d do.	413.	

Ogden Edwards—Counsel—Salary—one quarter to 27th August	125.	
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—one month to 1st instant	52.	
Danl. H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field one month 1st inst..	45.	
Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park—one month—1st instant	45.	
John Bedient—Coroner's Fees—one quarter to 1st instant..	661.71	
Samuel R. Romaine—completing Tax Books of 1818.....	400.	
[238] Columbian Office—6 mo. subscript. 1 ins.....	75.	
Geo. Bowen—Carriage hire to Bellevue 1 ins.....	27.	
Ald. Munson—for 14 Casks of Oil—bought of Matthew Crosby	807.45	
N. Comstock—5 Casks oil.....	478.	
Jac. Hays—Officers extra service Police Office—1 qr. 26th Augt.	258.83	
Robt. Pettigrew—1st instalt Well—Spring St.....	37.12	
Hugh Smith—acct. paving Water St.....	400.	
do. do. regulg Leonard St.....	250.	
Terence Tiffany on acct. Sheriff St.....	200.	
Jno. Stanley—acct. regulg Bond St.....	200.	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Bowling Green St.....	150.	
Abraham Herring—Awd for Henry St.....	65.50	
Joel Post & others—bal. Awd Bancker St.....	10.50	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. reprs. for Lamp Departt.....	100.	
do. do. for repairs.....	125.	
do. repg docks—East River.....	900.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' house.....	1000.	8651.36
	Balance	$13.59

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[239] In Common Council Oct. 12. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of Samuel Evans, stating his desire of placing a Horse-boat on the Ferry at the foot of Walnut Street granted to him, and praying, to enable him to support the additional expence attending the same, that his lease may be extended to the period given to Catharine Slip Ferry and Brooklyn Ferry, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

[240] A Petition that that part of the City North of the Southern boundary of lands laid out by the Commissioners of Streets and Roads and East of the Bowery Road may be permanently regulated and such regulation adapted to the Elevation and descent of the Streets and Avenues adjacent thereto—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Petition that First Street may be regulated from the Bowery to the First Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner, with authority to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Communication from Mr. John Griscom, dated in Paris 15th 8th month (August) and addressed to Thomas R. Smith Esquire and by him communicated to the Board, being on the subject of constructing Market houses, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joshua Jones and Son for permission to store Hemp at No. 105 Front Street and No. 3 Jones Lane—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and [241] Chief Engineer, with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Communication to the Mayor from Robert Taylor on the subject of cleansing the Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Complaint of Sundry Guagers of a combination between certain Guagers and the State Inspector of Domestic Distilled Spirits injurious to the Guagers of the City in general, was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of Weighmasters.

A Petition of Nevinsen Grenard for remission of penalty incurred under an Ordinance relative to a nuisance, was read & granted on payment of costs.

A Petition of Gurdon Manwaring for appointment of Weighmaster was read & referred to Committee on Applications.

A Petition of William Hanford, stating that he has been prosecuted in the name of the Commissioners of the Alms' House for violation of the Law of the State passed in 1817 prohibiting the bringing any Pauper into the State, that the person allowed to be brought in his vessel was taken back again, and praying [242] remission of

fine, was referred to the Commissioners of the Alms' house and Attorney with authority to remit the penalty.

A Resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of the City appointing a Committee to take measures for supporting the character of the Wheat and Flour of this State, communicated to the Corporation for their cooperation therein, was read and the following Committee were appointed to write and confer with said Committee of the Chamber of Commerce: Viz Ald^{n} Mesier Ald^{n} Van Amringe Mr. Board Ald. Thorp Ald. Munson

A Remonstrance against assessing the benefits of erecting the Market at Fulton Street upon the adjacent lots was presented. read and referred to a Special Committee of Messrs. Stevens: Anthony: Westervelt: Board: Allen.

Mr. Stevens then presented the following:

"Resolved that the Clerk of the Board inform the Commissioners for taking the ground [243] between Fulton Slip and the Crane Wharf that the Board have under consideration the Resolution passed at the last meeting on the subject of the Assessment of the property to be benefitted by the contemplated New Market, and request the Commissioners to delay acting under the said Resolution until the Board shall take further order on the subject." which was agreed to.

A Remonstrance from the Butchers of the Fly Market against the granting of permits to persons to sell meats by the quarter in the Lower Fly Market, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from T. C. Augustine Uz, stating that the Engine loaned to him on which to place his Compound Lever was prepared and would be ready for inspection on Wednesday next, was received. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department to designate the place where the experiment should be exhibited.

The following persons were appointed Fire wardens and Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying Vacancies:

"Fire Warden of 3^{d} Ward."

[244] Robert Buloid—grocer—199 B'Way—3^{d} ward—vice Isaac Stoutenburgh—removed.

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 4.

Apollos Hall—Taylor—202 Fulton St. 3^{d} ward—vice W^{m} E. Richardson—deceased

No. 26.

Jno. Woolsey—Cartman—Cherry c. Scammel—7 w[d]—vice Heny. Townsend Jr. Resigned.

Jno. S. Willett—Founder—167 Bancker—7 ward—vice Abm. Messerole—Resigned

No. 29.

Hugh Walker—grocer—Washington c. Perry—9 ward—vice

Jno. Westervelt Hudson c. Perry—9 ward—vice

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

1.	Margaret Moore	Les.	18 Harman St.	Privy
	do.	Occ.		
2.	Daniel Smith	Own.	69 Cliff St.	do
	C. G. Haslett	Occ.		

(signed) G. Cuming—City Insp[r]

which Ordinances were passed.

[245] The Comptroller, to whom was referred the resolution at the last meeting on subject of Silvanus Miller and John Agnew, presented a Report—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller reported a Statement of the Sales at Auction of 12 lots of ground belonging to the Corporation at the New Albany Basin on the 8[th] instant, as follows:

(signed) G. N. Bleecker

No. 3.	On Greenwich Street	Robt. R. Hunter.....	$4,600.
4.	do.	Curtis Bolton	5 000.
5.	do.	John Turner	5,100.
6.	do.	N. & H. Weed.....	5,750.
7	On Cedar Street	Robt. R. Hunter.....	2,450.
8.	On Washington Street	J. T. Leonard.....	4,100.
9.	do.	do.	3,500.
10.	do.	C. C. Tunis.....	3,300.
11.	do.	W[m] H. Ireland.....	3,200.
12.	do.	do.	3,250.
13.	do.	Robt. R. Hunter.....	4,300.
14	On Albany Street	do.	3,250.
			$47,800.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

[246] The Street Commissioner presented Assessments

For repaving Water Street from Wall Street to the Fly Market: for repaving Front Street from Coffee house Slip to near Fly Market; and for repaving Pine Street from Pearl Street to the East

River—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Spring Street near Wooster Street, and an Assessment for regulating Wooster Street from Spring Street to Amity Lane, which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Communication on the subject of Lime Houses, recommending their being permitted to be continued until the 1st of December in each year—which was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Counsel, on the subject of the cession of ground by Henry Rutgers and others for widening Market Street, reported:

"That Colonel Henry Rutgers and others have released to the Corporation all their interest [247] in the property bordering on Market Street between Cherry and Division Streets which is required for the purpose of widening Market Street in pursuance of an Order of the Board. "The Counsel also informs the Board that Colonel Rutgers and others about four years since entered into covenants to appropriate so much of their property as might be necessary to widen certain Streets to Sixty feet, in pursuance of a plan filed in the Register's Office, and that he understands they are willing to make a cession accordingly to the Corporation.

"As the widening of these Streets would greatly advance the value of property fronting upon them and would also contribute much to the beauty and health of that part of the City, the Counsel respectfully recommends that he be authorized to inform Colonel Rutgers and the other parties to that Instrument that the Corporation are willing to accept a cession of the same."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon Resolved that the said Cession be accepted, on condition that the same is absolute and without conditions or reservations.

The Counsel presented Deeds from Lucretia Morrell and Elizabeth Morrell and from John McComb [248] guardian of Ann Morrell Wood, Sarah E. Morrell, Mary Morrell and Andrew B. Morrell, being the Widow and heirs at law of Andrew Morrell deceased, for a Lot of ground in Rose Street, which had been by him examined and deemed satisfactory—whereupon Resolved that the same be accepted and recorded.

He also, agreeably to order, presented an Ordinance entitled "A Law to regulate Weighmasters" which was read by paragraphs, amended and passed—and it was Resolved that the operation of the

Said Law be postponed until the First day of November next. The Board then proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill the office of Weighmaster general, when John G. Betts was chosen to fill said Office.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving Beach Street, reported in favor thereof and presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Beach Street from Greenwich Street to Washington Street be paved and the Side walks completed and that the Street Commissioner report an Ordinance for the same."
which was approved.

[249] The Road Committee, to whom was referred the petition for opening Avenue "D" reported:

"That they have taken the subject into consideration and are of opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. Mr. Eckford and others having bought property that is bounded on said Avenue, and for which they can have no benefit in consequence of not being able to get to it, and as there are plenty of materials handy to be had, they recommend the following:

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be, and he is hereby directed to take the necessary steps to have Avenue "D" opened to the Market place, with all convenient speed."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" David Board

which was approved and the Resolution proposed agreed to.

The Report of the Committee on the petition of Peter Schermerhorn and others was called up, and after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed.

A Law entitled "A Law to amend a Law entitled [250] a Law to regulate Partition Fences and Walls" was presented, read by paragraphs and passed.

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Resolved that the Comptroller bring in a Warrant at the next meeting of the Board for the half-quarterly allowance allowed by this Board to the City Dispensary for Vaccination." which was approved.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to contract for as many paving Stones as he might think would be wanting for the ensuing year—which was referred to the Street Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 5th instant	$13.59	
Recd for Common Lands—Sales	7170.	
" " Streets	1500.	
" " Tax of 1818—2d Ward	1200.	
" " Wells and Pumps	543.10	
" " Register of Dogs—balance	198.	
" " Excise	195.	10,819.69
		10,819.69

Accounts Audited	$	
[251] Richd Furman—Dinner Corporation 4th July 1818	470.34	
Ogden Edwards—drafting Laws &c	260.	
W. Fish Treasurer—Amt paid Amory Morse—witness from a foreign State at Court of Sessions	127.62	
N. Philips—advertising Arrears of Tax in National Advocate	108.	
Jac. Hays—Expences on Extra services Police Office 1 qr. 26th August	14.	
Pet. Parcells—on acct. regs Streets at Greenwich Village	500.	
James Pinkerton—pavg Franklin Square	500.	
Dav. West—pavg Ludlow St	100.	
Thos. Scott—paving South Street	100.	
Jas. Meghan repairs Intersections	27.90	
Robt. Pettigrew—bal. Well—Cherry St	83.50	
Henry Voorhies—do. do. Mott St	67.73	
Robt. Pettigrew—do. do. Cannon St	63.	
Jno. Gallagher —do. do. Vandam St	53.50	
Hill & Ayres—for B. Hill on acct. filling Dey Street Basin	541.68	
Hill & Ayres—for R. Ayres on acct filling Dey St. Basin	458.32	
Hugh Smith—fills at Albany Basin	327.90	
[252] John McComb—Street Commisr Awards to persons unknown for Third Avenue to be paid into Court	714.	
Ald. Munson—Treasr Board of Health	400.	
Ja. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for reprs	900.	
Richd Furman—Sup. Alms' house	4000.	9,817.49
	Balance	$1002.20

Adjourned to Monday next 5' o'clock.

[253] In Common Council Oct. 19, 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

An Invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum to the Members of the Common Council and their families to visit an Observatory lately erected at the Museum and other improvements lately made by him at that Establishment, was read and Resolved that the same be accepted.

A Petition of John McKee for permission to construct a Vault in North Moore Street corner of [254] Washington Street—was read and granted on the usual terms.

A Petition of Peter G. Stuyvesant, stating that he is desirous of obtaining the right of ground under water from the middle of Stuyvesant Street to the middle of 22d Street, and requesting to know the terms on which the same may be obtained—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Mary Mariner, praying remission of fine for selling liquor without license, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition that North Street may be regulated from Chrystie to Orchard Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of persons owning real property in the village of Greenwich, that the Carriage way and Side walks in Hudson Street from Charlton to Hammond Street, and of Perry, Charles and Amos Streets from Washington Street to Asylum Street, and of Herring Street from Chris- [255] topher to Hammond Street may be gravelled and the Curb Stone laid—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition from Sundry persons appointed a Committee by the Inhabitants of Harlaem to take charge of their Common Lands—praying that the collection of the Assessment respecting the Third Avenue may be delayed—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition from Sundry Tenants of Cellars under Washington Market, stating that they had hired said Cellars for the purpose of victualling Shops, that for that purpose they had erected Stoves, and that they have received orders from the Fire Wardens to take down said Stoves, and praying the interference of the Board—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine for remission of Fine for selling liquor without License was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Sundry Weighmasters remonstrating against the provision of said law appointing a [256] Weighmaster General, and also a Remonstrance from a number of Citizens against the said provision in the Law were severally read and referred to the former Committee on Weighmasters with the addition of Aldermen Morss and Munson.

A Petition of William Green, praying to be employed as a Lamplighter, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Francis A. Everard was presented, stating that he some time since presented a Memorial to the Corporation alleging that he had invented a machine for Sweeping Chimneys which would supersede the necessity of employing boys for that purpose: that said petition was referred to a Committee: that he understood he was authorised to make experiments of said Machine and that he did not thereby infringe any law: that suits have been commenced against him for using said Machine by the Attorney of the Corporation under a law of the Corporation for Sweeping without license and praying the interference of the Board. Whereupon Resolved that the [257] Suits be discontinued and without any costs being paid by the Defendant.

A Petition from the Administrators of Archibald Smyth deceased, praying to be permitted to transfer and assign to James Pettit of said City Lots Nos. 25 and 26 situated in the Ninth Ward and held under lease from the Corporation. Whereupon Resolved that leave be given to transfer the same upon all rent due thereon being paid and satisfied.

A Petition of Stephen W. Vitsors, for remission of fine incurred by selling liquor as was alleged on Sunday, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 24."

Jno. Burger—Carpenter—Reed Street—5 ward—vice James Culbertson—Resigned

Jno. Pearce—Harness Mr Cedar St. 1 ward—vice John Gardner—deceased

Jno. Earl—Sail Mr William Street—4 ward—vice John Daddy—Expelled

[258] "Fire Engine Company No. 30."

William Messerve—Butcher—Delancey St. 10 ward—vice James Austin—resigned

The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for repaving Pine Street, South Street, Depeyster Street and Frankfort Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Beach Street from Hudson Street to Washington Street, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors: also for a Well and pump in Laight Street near Hudson Street, which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Two Contracts between the Mayor, Aldermen &c. and Thomas J. Woodruff, Gideon Tucker and Abraham P. Maybie for building the Sewer thro Canal Street—which were directed to be referred to the Counsel and on his approbation of the same that they [259] be duly executed in the recess of the Board.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Jno. Hyslop Robt. Pettigrew	Own. or Agt. Occ.		Milligan Lane	Privy
2	William Mead N. Mead	Own. Occ.	5	Ann St.	do.
3.	R. Munson G. Lewis	Own. Occ.	3	Bowery	do.
4	T. Orr Jas. Anderson	Own. Occ.	20	Chatham St.	do.
5	J. Moore J. Drake	Own. Occ.	26	do	do.
6	Mrs. W. Lake do	Own. Occ.	40	do	do.
7	Wm Mooney R. S. Gardner	Own. Occ.	48	do	do.

8	Hyppolite Barrere	Own.	82	Chatham St.	Privy
	do.	Occ.			
9	James Rushton	Own.	124½	do	do.
	do	Occ.			
10	C. Harsen	Own.	141	do	do.
	Banker & Rogers	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[260] The Ferry Committee, to whom was referred the subject of a Resolution respecting the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company, reported:

"That the Common Council, by a Resolution passed the 22d day of December 1817 did consent that the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company might substitute a Team Boat in lieu of the Second Steam Boat mentioned in the lease of the Fulton Street Ferry, provided such Team Boat should be in operation by the 1st day of June then next—And that the Common Council did likewise consent to unite with the said Company in an application to the Legislature to increase the rate of ferriage in such Team Boat equal to the Steam Boat: that such application was accordingly made at the last Session. but owing to some cause unknown to your Committee it was denied, and as that fact was not ascertained until near the close of the Session, it was impossible then for the Company to complete the Boat by the time limited in the said Resolution. And your Committee further report that the time for placing a Second Steam Boat upon the said ferry does [261] not expire until the 1st day of May next: And as in their opinion the public will sustain no inconvenience by the substitution of a Team Boat they accordingly recommend that the Company be allowed a further time sufficient to build a Team Boat and put her in operation: And for this purpose they recommend the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the time limited by a Resolution of this Board passed the 22d of December last for the New York and Brooklyn Steam Ferry Boat Company to build and complete a Team Boat in lieu of the Second Boat mentioned in the Lease of Messrs. Fulton and Cutting, be and is hereby extended to the 1st day of April next. Provided, however, that such Team Boat shall not be less than Seventy feet in length on Deck, nor less than Forty two feet in breadth on deck including the Platform.

Resolved, that in case the said Company shall not be able to procure an Act of the Legislature to enable them to charge the same rates

of Ferriage in such Team Boat as is now allowed for the Steam Boat, or from any other cause shall be disposed to place another Steamboat upon the Ferry, conformably with the provisions of the Said Lease, they shall be at liberty to do so, and to [262] discontinue the further use of such Team-boat. Provided always that a Team Boat be put on the Ferry by the 1st of April next or a Steam Boat by the 1st of May next.

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be authorized and requested to endorse these Resolutions upon the before-mentioned Lease."

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved, and the Resolutions therein proposed and the Proviso added thereto were severally agreed to.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Samuel Evans, reported: "That the Lease of the Ferry granted to the said Samuel Evans was for the Term of Fifteen years, upward of Fourteen of which are now unexpired. In order to induce the Corporation to extend the Term, he proposes to place a Team Boat on the Ferry, but your Committee are of opinion that such an Establishment will not for many years be attended with any important advantage to the public, and, if it would, that the Term already granted is quite sufficient to enable the petitioner to make any improvement of that [263] Sort. Your Committee therefore deem it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster
" John P. Anthony

which having been read was ordered to be filed.

The Street Committee, on the petition for paving the Sidewalks in Cherry Street, Reported:

"That they have examined the Situation of that Street and are of opinion that if the Side walks from Rutger Street to Corlaers' Hook are regulated and gravelled it will be sufficient for the present: Therefore offer the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner notify the Owners and Inhabitants in Cherry Street between Rutger Street and Corlaers' Hook to regulate and gravel their Sidewalks."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolution therein proposed was adopted.

The Market Committee, on the petition of James [264] Paddy for a Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 10 Fly Market be granted to him. Whereupon Resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Staats Dawson for Stall No. 30 Fly Market, reported in his favor. Whereupon resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on petition of John Glashong for Stall No. 4 Spring Street Market, reported in his favor. Whereupon Resolved that a License be granted to him for said Stall.

The same Committee, on the petition of William Vermilvea for a Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that he be permitted to sell meat at Harlaem. Whereupon Resolved that a License issue to him in conformity with said Report.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Daniel S. Hyde for Stall No. 2 Gouverneur's Market, reported in his favor, and it was resolved that a License be granted him for Said Stall.

[265] The Same Committee, on the petition of Alexander Fink Junior for Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 5 Spring Street Market be granted him. Whereupon Resolved that a License issue to him for said Stall.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Miller for Stall No. 6 Spring Street, reported in his favor, and it was Resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Marshall and Adam Dobbs to be permitted to exchange Stalls, reported in their favor. Whereupon it was resolved, that a License issue to Thomas Marshall for Stall No. 40 Catharine Market and Adam Dobbs for Stall No. 46 in said market.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Henry N. Disbrow for a Stall, reported in his favor and that he be allowed to occupy Stall No. 3 in the Market situated in Grand Street between Allen and Orchard Streets, and it was Resolved that he be licensed therefor.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Samuel [266] Harner for a Stall in Fly Market, reported in his favor and that Stall No. 12 in Fly Market be granted to him. Whereupon resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Martin Hill for Stall No. 28 Fly Market, reported in his favor, and it was resolved that a License for said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Bridle for a Stall

in Fly Market, reported in his favor, and it was Resolved that a License for Said Stall be granted him.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Bockover for Butcher's License, reported in his favor and that he be allowed to occupy Stall No. 5 in the Market situated in Grand Street between Allen and Orchard Streets. Whereupon resolved that he be licensed therefor.

The Same Committee on the petition of Christopher Merkle to occupy the Cellar under Duane Market for a Wheel wright Shop, reported that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioner [267] ought not to be granted: which Report was approved.

The Finance Committee on the Communication of the Comptroller enclosing a Letter from Silvanus Miller respecting a gore of land adjoining his property and respecting a Water Grant, reported:

"That they have had an interview with Mr. Miller on the above mentioned subjects and have received from him the following propositions: On the subject of the Water grant, he proposes to take it out immediately and pay the Assessment imposed for opening Roosevelt Street, provided he shall be exempt from the usual Quit rent until South Street is made and completed in front of said grant:—And on the subject of the gore of land alluded to he offers to take said gore at the amount assessed on it by the Commissioners for opening Roosevelt Street, and give his Bond for the same payable with interest from the First day of May ensuing.

"The Committee are of opinion that the proposition of Mr. Miller in relation to the Water grant is reasonable, inasmuch as the situation of the water in front of his lot, owing to the obstruction occasioned by the Floating Engine is such as totally to exclude him from the use of said water and [268] has hitherto prevented his deriving any interest or emolument whatever from the same, and therefore ought to be acceded to on the part of the Board. But the Committee cannot agree to that part of Mr. Miller's proposition respecting the gore of land, in which he proposes paying interest from the 1st day of May next, as the Corporation would be a loser by the operation to the amount of the interest on the purchase money from the day on which they were bound to pay and actually did pay the persons damaged by opening Roosevelt Street to the said first day of May, a term of Eight months; especially as it was distinctly understood by a Committee of this Board, together with the Counsel, that Mr. Miller had agreed to take said gore at a fair valuation, and the Commissioners, uninfluenced and under the obligations of their oaths, have declared the said gore

of land to be worth the money at which it stands assessed to the Corporation.

"The Committee therefore propose the following Resolutions for the consideration of the Board:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a grant to Silvanus Miller and [269] Margaret Miller, for the use of said Margaret the Wife of Silvanus Miller for the ground under water alluded to in the foregoing Report: said grant to contain the usual covenants, except that no quit rent shall be required to be paid by the grantee until South Street in front of said grant be made and completed, after which period the rents, as now established, to be annually paid—Provided, however that previous to executing said grant the Assessment for opening Roosevelt Street, together with the interest which may be due thereon, shall be fully paid and satisfied by the grantee.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a quit-claim to Silvanus Miller for a certain gore or piece of land adjoining his property near Roosevelt Street, provided said Miller shall execute to this Corporation a Bond for the sum of Two thousand five hundred and fifty six dollars and three cents payable with interest from the 16th day of September 1818 and that the said quit claim remain on escrow until the amount of such bond, together with the interest be paid and discharged."

(signed) Steph. Allen: Reub. Munson
Saml. Akerly: W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to.

[270] Mr. Allen presented the following:—

"Resolved that a Special Committee of Five be appointed to consider and report on such subjects as shall be referred to them and for which it may be thought proper and necessary for this Board to petition the Legislature of this State at their ensuing Session." which was agreed to and the following were appointed the Committee: Viz— Mr. Allen Ald. Morss King Munson Buckmaster

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 12th inst.	$1002.20	
Recd for Tax of 1818—5th & 6th Wards	2000.	
" " Streets	1178.68	
" " Canal Street	1000.	
" " Wells and Pumps	727.90	
Loan of Mechanic's Bank—Authorized 21 Sept.	8500.	14,408.78

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton Watch 1st distt	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	413.	
[271] Andrew Van Orden—Keeper—Battery—One month 15th instant	45.	
City Dispensary—half yearly allowance for Vaccination	300.	
Jno. McComb—Guardian Estate And. Morrell—for lot of ground in Rose Street as per deed, bought for Engine house	1800.	
Heirs of P. Bloodgood—Awd Roosevelt St.	956.	
Chs. Mooney—Acct. pavg Water Street from Fly Market to Wall Street	200.	
Hen. Voorhies—1st Instalt Well McDougal St.	52.75	
R. Pettigrew— do. do. Laight St.	36.12	
P. M. Allison— do. Pier—Oliver Slip	1200.	
Thos. Barnum—Sups Wharves—24 days—18th ins.	48.	
Heirs of John Norman—Award for opening First Street	7500.	14,376.12
Balance		$32.66

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[272] In Common Council, Oct. 26. 1818

Present The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westerveltt
Geo. Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Geo. B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Effingm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Two Accounts of Amos Jones for Corporation proportion of making a Road thro' Ninth Avenue to 128th Street amounting to $761.34 and for making a Road thro' 28th Street from 9th Avenue to Hudson River amounting to $202.32 were referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of F. C. Augustus Uz. stating that the experiment of his Compound Lever had [273] not the effect when applied to an

Engine which he expected, but that he thinks he can remedy the defect and praying for permission to make a further experiment, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Petition of Solomon Seixas, stating that he has been forbidden to sell Articles of Hardware in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets; that, understanding he could sell those articles as well as furniture, he rented an Establishment for that purpose; that to be now prevented will be attended with considerable loss, and praying relief, was referred to the Committee on Laws.

A Petition for paving the Side Walks in Elm Street between Anthony and White Streets, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Joseph Bull Jr. for a Stall in Grand Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Erastus Smith for appointment as Measurer of Coal was read and referred to the Committee on Applications—And a petition of [274] Isaac Sayres for Appointment of Weighmaster was referred to the same Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Morrell, one of the Lessees of Grand Street Ferry, for a Lease of Two Lots formerly ceded to the Corporation, was read and referred to Finance Committee & Comptroller.

A Petition of Joseph O. Bogart was presented stating that he had been prosecuted under the Dog Law for an offence said to be committed by an Apprentice of his in disturbing the Registrar of Dogs and praying relief—which was referred to Aldermen Munson McQueen Mr. Anthony

A Remonstrance of Sundry Merchants, Traders and Retailers against the provision of the Law regulating Weighmasters which directs the Appointment of a Weighmaster General—A Remonstrance on the same subject from a Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce of this City—And a memorial from a number of the Weighmasters of the City stating their approbation of said law—were severally read and laid on the Table [275] until the Report of the Committee on that subject was presented.

A Memorial of Aaron Lane, stating that he had invented a Machine of very simple construction for the Sweeping of Chimnies and praying the patronage of the Common Council, was read and referred to the former Committee on Chimney Sweepers.

A Petition of Cornelius Ray for a Water lot grant fronting his Lot in Water Street near Walnut Street was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Duane Street near Elm Street was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A further petition of Nicholas Fiengo praying relief from an Assessment for Personal Tax was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of William McCartee for permission to use a Drain under the Street from the Centre of the Block in White Street between Church & Chapel [276] Streets in order to carry off the Ley &c. from his Manufactory, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial was received from Rodman Bowne, Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry, stating that some further accommodations on the Brooklyn Side are necessary for the Ferry, and requesting the consideration of the same to be referred to a Committee—also stating that he had been in the practice of charging 4 cents for each passenger in his Team Boat across the Ferry, which he presumed was agreeable to the Common Council; that, understanding the power of regulating the rates of ferriage is given by the Charter to the Corporation, he respectfully solicited that an ordinance might be passed authorising the rate of ferriage for each passenger to be increased to 4 cents. Whereupon the same was referred to the Ferry Committee and the Committee on Laws.

A Petition that Fourth Street may be regulated from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[277] A Petition from sundry owners of Houses and lots fronting on Collect Street in the Sixth Ward, complaining of the mode in which said Street has been paved, and praying the same may be altered and the pavement be made similar to the late pavement in Chapel Street, was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition that additional Lamps may be placed in Leonard Street between Broadway & Orange Street, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Remonstrance from a number of Inhabitants residing in Mulberry Street against one Benjamin French taking daily a large quantity of water from Pump No. 45 in said street to the injury of the Neighbourhood, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward.

A Petition was received from Nathan Jackson, stating that he had been prosecuted under the Pawnbrokers' Law as a dealer in Second-hand Articles and a judgment recovered against him; that the facts

of the case were that he had purchased at auction some second-hand chairs and Maps; that not wishing to retain for his own use the whole [278] of them he had sent a part of them again to auction where some of them were sold. Under these circumstances he prayed relief of the Board. Whereupon the Same was referred to the Committee on Police.

A Memorial was received from Benjamin Dearborn, requesting the Common Council to appoint a Committee to investigate the properties and the advantages of the Proportional Balance invented by him over the present mode of weighing by means of Scales and weights Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 8.

Thomas Frost—grocer—Oliver c. Bancker—4 ward—vice Rich[d] Langley—Resigned

No. 9.

John Low—Mercht. No. 84 Broad St. 1[st] ward—vice John T. Ball —Resigned.

[279] The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances, which were passed—Viz. for regulating First Street from the Bowery to the First Avenue, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors; and for a Well and Pump in Duane Street between Broadway and Elm Street *Street* and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also Reported that the Road thro' the Ninth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 28[th] Street and along 28[th] Street from the Ninth Avenue to the Hudson River had been completed much to his satisfaction and that he had accepted the Road. He also stated that the Proprietors on the Tenth Avenue between 28[th] Street and the Bloomingdale Road were desirous the same should be made and he recommended it to the attention of the Board—Whereupon the same was referred to the Road Commitee.

He also recommended that directions be given to take up and remove the paving Stones from the lots lately sold at the Albany Basin and that an Engine House should be erected on the Lot reserved at

that place for the purpose: Whereupon it was Resolved that he direct the removal of the paving Stones [280] agreeably to his recommendation and farther that the subject of the Engine house be referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel presented the Draught of a Petition to the Supreme Court for appointing Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for opening part of Avenue "D" and the Clerk was directed to affix the Common Seal to the same. He was also directed in the recess of the Board to affix the Common Seal to a Petition for appointing Commissioners &c. for widening Market Street.

He also presented a Deed to William H. Ireland for Lots Nos. 11 & 12 of the lots at New Albany Basin purchased by him at the late Sales of that property, which was directed to be duly executed.

The City Inspectors presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1.	Alex. J. Hamilton Abel Smith	Own. Les.	282 & 284	Water St.	Lot
2	Joshua Jones	Own.	283 & 285	do.	do
3	G. N. Bleecker	Own.	287 & 289	do	do
4	Elizabeth Morris	Own.	291-293-295 and 297	do	do
5	[281] Saml. Benton	Les. & Occ.	14	Wall St.	Privy
6	Walter Bowne	Own.	193	Duane St.	do
7	do P. Breasher	Own. Occ.	3	Hudson St.	do
8	Mrs. Mary Molanor Mrs. Herbert	Own. Occ.	3	Orchard St.	do.
9	M. H. Guion Mrs. Adams	Own. Occ.	10	Chrystie St.	do.
10	Jno. Skilman M. Robinson & C. Dean	Own. Occ.	2	Allen St.	do.
11	J. Skilman L. Brashiere & W. Giles	Own. Occ.	4	do.	do.
12	Antony Elton	Own & Occ.	11	Bayard St.	do.
13	Jane Ring	Les. & Occ.	13	do.	do.
14	Mary McLeod	do. & do.	15	do.	do.
15	M. H. Guion F. Robin	Own. Occ.	42	Division St.	do.
16	M. H. Guion E. Woodward	Own. Occ.	50	do	do

17	Henckman & Watson	Less.	54	Division St.	Privy
18	Haviland Smith	Own. & Occ.	60	do	do
19	James Jetson	do. do.	74	do	do
20	Mrs. McAdams John Lamere	Own. Occ.	78	do	do
21	John Francis do.	Own. Occ.	80	do	do
22	[282] Danl. Sickles F. Ward	Own. Occ.	86. 88	Division St.	do
23	Danl. Smith M. Sands & A. & J. Bogert	Les. Occ.	106	do	do
24	Judah Hammond	Own. & Occ.	140	do	do
25	Mrs. Cathne Gordon	Les. & Occ.	108	do	do
26	Miles Oakley	do. do.	142	do	do
27	Mrs. Mary Ackerman	do. do.	144	do	do
28	Saml. Perry	do. do.	152	do	do
29	John Akley	do. do.	150	do	do

(signed) Geo. Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Committee, on the petition of James R. Mullany, Reported: "That they have examined and find that the Stairs he erected are contrary to an Ordinance of the Corporation—They therefore offer the following Resolution: "Resolved that the Street Commissioner inform Mr. James R. Mullany that he must remove his Stairs erected in Warren Street forthwith."

(signed) J. B. Taylor
" Leond Kip
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. Morss

which was approved
and the Resolution approved was agreed to.

[283] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating certain Streets in the vicinity of Greenwich Village, Reported: "That they have examined the Situation of Greenwich and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted. They therefore offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Curb Stone be laid and the Sidewalks and Carriage Way gravelled in Hudson Street from Charlton to Hammond Street.

"Resolved—that the following Streets have the Curb Stone laid and Side Walks gravelled

Perry Street from Washington to Asylum Street
Charles do. do. do.
Amos do. do. do.
Herring from Christopher to Hammond Street

and that the Street Commissioner prepare Ordinances for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss

which was approved

The Committee of Repairs, on the account of J. P. Roome, reported:

"That they have examined the accounts of Jacob P. Roome, Superintendant of Repairs, from 9th April to 15th October 1818 and find that he has received by Warrants from [284] the Corporation	$15,125.
For Sundry Articles sold by him	186.01
Balance due the Corporation on last Settlement and now credited..	31. 5
	$15.342.06
He has paid, agreeably to Vouchers produced, 180 Accounts, Amount	15,305.98
Leaving a balance due Corporation to be carried to credit of New Account	36.08

(signed) Geo. B. Thorp
" Leon. Kip
" G. N. Bleecker.

The Committee of Repairs would embrace this opportunity of stating to the Board that the duties of the Superintendant have become more arduous and extensive than formerly in consequence of many branches of business coming immediately under his direction. The economy introduced into this Department by the purchase of sundry articles wanted for public purposes and the work being done at the yard, together with the increasing demands necessarily made on the time and attention of the Superintendant, united with the fidelity and industry of this public officer, are considerations which have induced the Committee [285] to recommend to the Board the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Salary of the Superintendant of Reprs be increased Three hundred dollars per annum, making the yearly sum of Twelve hundred dollars, to commence on the 14th of November next."

(signed) Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Account was directed to be filed and the Resolution was agreed to.

The Special Committee, to whom were referred the Remonstrance of Bailey and Russell and sundry others and also of several of the Weighmasters against the provision of the late Law regulating Weighmasters, reported: "That after the mature consideration that your Committee have given the subject referred to them they cannot for a moment hesitate to recommend to the Common Council that the Subscribers to the Remonstrance referred to your Committee have liberty to withdraw the same. Your Committee would observe that the Law to regulate the Weighmasters of this City was recommended to the Common Council as a remedy for the many evils existing in that Department. [286] They could then have but a theoretical knowledge of the result of its operation in practice; but from cases analogous they believed that the full execution of the law would satisfy every reasonable expectation they had formed. It was stated to be an experiment which your Committee thought was well worth the trial. If the experiment failed an alteration or a repeal could be speedily made and but trifling inconvenience ensue to the public. From further reflection your Committee are still more sanguine that the said law will have a very beneficial tendency, and that none of the evils represented in the said remonstrance as likely to result therefrom will arise from its complete operation. The following Resolutions are respectfully submitted:"

The first Resolution proposed was as follows:

"Resolved that the Subscribers to a *Resigned* [Remonstrance] by Bailey and Russell and others against the Law to regulate Weighmasters have leave to withdraw the same."

The question being taken thereon, and a Division having been called, it was carried in the affirmative.

[287] Affirm. Ald. Underhill, Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen. 13.

Negat. Ald. King Van Amringe Buckmaster. Mr. Stevens. 4

Alderman Munson then stated that he was requested by Mr. Andrew R. Miller one of the Subscribers to the Remonstrance from the Weighmasters to withdraw his name therefrom and he moved that the same be done—which was agreed to. The Second Resolution was then read in the words following:

"Resolved that the Resignation of the Weighmasters, excepting Andrew R. Miller, whose names are subscribed to a Remonstrance on the same subject be accepted by the Common Council."

The names of the Subscribers were called for and appeared as follows:

William Vandervoort—Israel Bedell—Sylvester Marius—A. R. Miller—Reuben Wright—P. R. Pearsall—D. D. Crane.

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution and a Division called, it was carried in the Affirmative:

Affir. Ald. Underhill Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen 12

Neg. Ald. King V^n^ Amringe Buckmaster. Messrs. Bolton Stevens 5

[288] The question was then taken on the whole Report and agreed to.

Mr. Stevens then proposed the following:

"Resolved that the Law lately passed this Board regulating Weighmasters and appointing a Weighmaster General be suspended, and that it do not take effect until the fifteenth day of November ensuing, and that in the mean time the Weighmasters continue the performance of their duties under the present Law, and that a Committee of this Board be appointed to confer with the Chamber of Commerce as proposed by them."

The question being taken thereon and a Division called, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Ald^n^ Underhill Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen 11.

Affirmative. Ald^n^ King Van Amringe Morss Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens 6.

The Remonstrance of Sundry Merchants, Traders and Retailers, the Remonstrance of the Chamber of Commerce and the Memorial from several Weighmasters, which had been read and [289] laid on the Table, were now called up and were referred to the former Committee on Weighmasters.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on the subject of applications to the Legislature to report their opinion as to the expediency of applying for laws on the following subjects:

"To authorise the Corporation to raise a Revenue by tax on all description of pleasure Carriages kept in this City.

"For authority to license all persons following the business of a Stock or Money Broker and to fix the price per annum for such license.

"For authority to levy a duty on all goods sold by auction in any of the Streets of this City.

"For authority to enforce the payment of the Commutation Money due from the people called Quakers in lieu of Militia duty.

"For a law to reduce the fees of the Coroner on persons dying in the Alms' house, Penitentiary and Bridewell to the same as he receives at the State Prison." Which Resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly also presented a Resolution referring to the same Committee to enquire into the propriety [290] of extending the Fire Limits —which was agreed to.

Alderman Taylor presented a Resolution directing the Side Walks in Hammond Street to be gravelled from Washington Street to Asylum Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance therefor —which was agreed to.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Street Commissioner to enquire into the propriety of paving the Side walks from Water Street to Gouverneur Street—which was agreed to.

A Resolution was presented, referring it to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips to consider and report on the expediency of continuing West Street from Charlton Street to the North side of the Pier at the foot of Spring Street—which was agreed to.

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution referring to the Committee on Finance to enquire into the State of the Funds and general concerns of the Society of the Sailor's Snug Harbour and to report to the Board —which Resolution was agreed to.

[291] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 19th inst.	32.66	
Recd for Rents	3494.42	
" " Tax 1818—2d 3d and 8th wards	5750.	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Streets	1723.61	
" " Common Lands Sales	3870.	17,875.69

Accounts Audited.

Matthew Duboise—15 Watch Caps for First District.....	60.	
Comercial Advertiser—6 mo. Subscrip. 1st inst.....	75.	
S. McCoun and J. V. B. Varick, Assessors of Tax 1st Ward	271.	
A. Valentine and Wm M. Fox—Assessrs 2d ward.....	265.	
H. Talman & N. C. Griffith— do. 3 do	275.	
L. Hartman & P. Bonnett— do. 4 do	230.	
G. Sutton & R. Kidney— do. 5 do	281.	
A. Clark & A. Baudouine— do. 6 do	311.	
D. Lyon & J. Cox— do. 7 do	266.	
J. Emmons & N. Schureman— do. 8 do	342.50	
J. Willoughby & J. Adriance— do. 9 do	393.	
W. Howell & J. Brown— do. 10 do	257.	
Geo. W. Pitman—fixing Drag Rope for Fire Department..	34.84	
[292] Chs. Mooney—Acct. pavg Pine St.....	700.	
Jas. Pinkerton— do do. Franklin Square.....	500.	
Chs. Mooney—act pavg Front St. from Wall to Depeyter St.	200.	
Jas. Pinkerton—act pavg Mill St.....	200.	
Davd West— do. do. Ludlow St.....	100.	
Jno. Stanley— do. regg Bond St.....	100.	
Chs. Mooney—bal. pavg Franklin St.....	137.31	
J. McComb—St. Comr to pay publishg Notices to redeem lots sold for Assessments.....	77.33	
Allen Shepherd—repayt lot purchasd by him in Cliff St. Error in Sum paid.....	59.44	
Wm Miller—repairg Intersectns Streets.....	7.59	
Jno. McKinne, B. McKinne & Jos. P. McKinne Award for Fourth Street	2998.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Repairs.....	1200.	
Jac. P. Roome do. Corporatn proportn of Reprs. to Pier No. 12 East River.....	398.	
Jac. Morton—Charges Hack hire & 32d Vol. Minutes Index	113.	9,852.01
	Balance	$8,023.68

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[293] In Common Council. Nov. 2. 1818

Present. The Hon. C. D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.

The Mayor presented the Calendar of the prisoners confined in the Bridewell or City Prison which was directed to be filed. He also made the following observations respecting the same:

"It appears that there were at the period of that return Fifty seven persons in confinement, of whom 34 were convicts. Of these 8 are sentenced by the several Sessions and 26 by the Police Magistrates as Vagrants or disorderly persons. Four of the remain- [294] ing persons are indicted and are waiting their trials, and there remain only 19 who are detained to answer for crimes. Of these 19 one is committed for counterfeiting, two for grand Larceny, four for petit larceny and twelve for assault and battery.

"This view of the State of the City Prison is certainly gratifying inasmuch as it must evidence the remark that the crimes are comparatively few and so very few of any magnitude.

"The Mayor since his last report has paid his accustomed visits to the Bridewell and is happy to observe that it is kept with a cleanliness and order that do very great credit to the Keeper."

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward, praying that the Inhabitants of said Ward may be exempted from the payment of the Tax laid upon Dogs, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

An account of Sundry Peace Officers for services in attending to enforce the Dog Law, having been ordered upon that duty by his Honor the [295] Mayor, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition that Lamps may be erected on the First Avenue as far as Eighth Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

A Petition of Lawrence Martin for Stall No. 47 in Catharine Market at present held by Thomas Place who is willing to relinquish the same, and a petition from Peter P. Roome for Stall No. 7 in Spring Street Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of James Davidson, stating that he had been charged by John Marschalk, one of the City Weighers, an improper rate for weighing some articles, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Officers.

A Petition of William J. Brower, James W. Anderson, John Campbell and Lewis Angevine for appointment of Weighmaster—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of Alexander James Hamilton, stating that he has received an order for filling in [296] Two lots, that those are two cellars remaining from houses that were burnt and that petitioner intends rebuilding them, and praying that instead of filling them up he may be permitted to enclose the same in a fence, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Petition of Alexander Pilebut, to be permitted to set off a Balloon which he has constructed from the Park in front of the Museum, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

Petitions of Sylvester Marius, Peter R. Pearsall and Israel Bedell, stating that they had signed the Remonstrance from the Weighmasters without intending the same to be considered as a Resignation of their office and without any idea that the same was couched in disrespectful terms, and praying to be appointed to said Office, was read. Whereupon it was Resolved that the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that they be appointed to the Office of Weighmaster.

[297] A Petition of William J. Waldron and Obadiah Ayres, Assistants to the City Inspector, praying an increase of their Salaries, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A Petition of William Vail, that the Corporation would lease to him a Lot in Grand Street ceded to them by Abraham Cannon, was read and referred to the Finance Committee and Comptroller.

A Petition of Nicholas McGaviston, praying remission of fine incurred by taking water from a pump contrary to the Ordinance respecting public pump, was read and the prayer thereof granted on payment of Costs.

A Petition of James Butler for remission of fine under an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward.

A Petition of Isaac Valentine, Weigher of Hay, praying the Corporation will devote Gouverneur Slip to the purpose of landing Hay and forbid the landing of Stone at said Slip, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

[298] The Chief Engineer Reported that Engine House No. 16 was in a decayed State, that the Consistory of the Dutch Church offered a Lot for an Engine house in Liberty Street, and he recommended accepting said offer—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer with authority to act as they shall judge expedient.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

Hugh Speir—Cooper—Roosevelt St. 4th ward—vice Donald McCleod—Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 6."

John Poland, Blacksmith—Murray St. 3d ward vice Lorenzo Hitchcock—Removed.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances:

1	Francis Spicer	Own. & Occ.		Allen St.	Lot
2	Peter Wilt.	do.	do.	Chrystie St.	do.
3	J. Anderson Asa Hall		Own. Les.	Barclay St.	do
4	[299] Ann White Jas. Thompson Wm Jewel		Own. Agt. Occ.	5 Ann St.	Privy
5	Thomas Gibbons do		Own. Occ.	Chrystie St.	Lot.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

which Ordinances were passed.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for a Well and pump in Laight Street near Hudson Street and for a Well and pump in McDougal Street—which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in each.

The Street Commissioner presented a Report recommending it to be referred to a Committee to direct the regulation of the ground in front of the lots lately sold in front of the Albany Basin—which was

approved and it was referred to the Street Committee with authority to act in the premises as they should judge expedient.

He also reported a List of Delinquents on the Assessment for opening Canal Street. and as the Collector after due diligence had been unable to collect the same [300] he recommended that the property assessed be advertised and sold agreeably to law—which was approved, and he was directed to proceed to advertise and sell the same agreeably to the directions of the Statute in that case made and provided.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of William M^{c}Cartee, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the petition for regulating North Street, reported: "That they have examined the situation of North Street and find that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that North Street be regulated from Chrystie Street to Orchard Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed)	Jacob B. Taylor
"	John Morss
"	Shivers Parker
"	Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[301] The same Committee, on the petition respecting the paving of Collect Street, presented a Report—which was referred back to the same Committee.

The same Committee. on the petition for regulating Fourth Street, Reported: "That they have examined the situation of Fourth Street and find that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Fourth Street be regulated from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed)	Jacob B. Taylor
"	John Morss
"	Shivers Parker
"	Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee. to whom had been referred the petition of a Committee of the Inhabitants of Haerlem praying that the collection

of the Assessments for the Third Avenue might be delayed, Reported: "That the Assessment amounts to 749 dollars and has been due since the 4th day of December 1814 and that there are arrears of taxes due on the said ground, including the present year, [302] of about 1000 dollars: that the lands alluded to have been advertised according to law for the payment of said Assessment and Arrears of taxes and are to be sold on the 3d day of November instant, unless the claim of the Corporation shall be previously satisfied.

"The Committee are of opinion that a final settlement of the several claims to these lands is a very desirable event, and that such event would be materially retarded, if not totally defeated, at least for some time to come, by a sale of them agreeably to the advertisement alluded to. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the people of Haerlem be allowed an extension of time for the payment of the Assessment for opening the Third Avenue and the Arrears of Taxes on their Common lands to the 1st day of October 1819; and that the Street Commissioner and Collector of Arrears of Taxes be instructed not to sell the said lands until the further order of the Board Provided, however, that the said Assessment, with the taxes now due, together with the interest and other expences, continue a lien on said lands.

[303] "The Committee beg leave further to state that the difficulties which appear to exist among the Inhabitants of Haerlem on the subject of the lands alluded to have led them to believe that the question of title can in no other way be so equitably and firmly settled as by an Act of the Legislature authorizing an umpire between the parties concerned; and they therefore propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Committee on Applications to the Legislature be authorized to consult the subscribers to the annexed petition on the propriety of petitioning the Legislature to vest the fee of the Common Lands of Haerlem in the Corporation of this City under such restrictions as shall comport with the rights of individuals as well as the interest of the public."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of Thomas Morrell for the Lease of Two Lots of ground on Long Island originally ceded by him to the Corporation, reported: "That the said lots are situated [304] on Long Island at a place called Morrill's point near the landing of the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street: that they are 50 feet front and rear and 100 feet deep and are at present entirely unproductive. The Committee recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that a Lease be granted to Thomas Morrell for two lots of ground belonging to the Corporation on Long Island at Morrell's Point, and that said Lease be given for a term of years so as to expire at the same time as that held by William Vaile and others for the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street, at a rent of Forty dollars per annum for the first seven years and seventy dollars per annum for the remainder of the term—Provided, however, that the lease shall be executed on the part of said Morrell on or before the 1st day of December next, otherwise the provisions herein contained shall be void."

(signed)	Steph. Allen
"	W. F. Van Amringe
"	Peter Mesier
"	Reub. Munson
"	S. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed, with the Proviso, agreed to.

[305] The same Committee, to whom had been referred the Communication of the Counsel on the subject of treating with the owners of property fronting on Fayette Street and also that lying near the contemplated line of Oliver Street for certain pieces of land adjoining their property respectively and not required for widening and extending Oliver Street, reported:

"That they have given the subject due consideration and have reason to believe the expence to the Inhabitants in the vicinity of the contemplated improvements will be materially lessened by entering into the arrangement recommended by the Counsel: they have therefore instructed him to prepare the draught of articles necessary to be executed by the respective parties, which have been submitted to and approved by them as well as the Commissioners and are now respectfully presented to the Board for their sanction. The Committee also beg leave to submit the following Resolution for the concurrence of the Board:

"Resolved that the Counsel be authorized to execute contracts with

the parties respectively similar to those now submitted and that the same may be executed during the recess of the Board."

(signed) S. Allen: R Munson: W. F. Van Amringe: P. Mesier: S. Akerly

which was approved and the Resolution proposed adopted.

[306] The Committee of Wharves, Piers and Slips to whom had been referred the petition for extending West Street, Reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration and recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Street Commissioner notify the proprietors of grounds between Charlton and Spring Streets to continue West Street from Charlton Street to theNorth side of the pier at the foot of Spring Street and to have the Bulkhead of said Street completed by the 1st day of July 1819, and that the filling in and making a finish of said West Street be extended to the 1st Decr 1819."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Cornelius Harsin, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the grant held by Cornelius Harsin for a certain lot of ground and premises fronting on Washington, Charlton and West Streets be cancelled, and that, to indemnify him for the amount paid for the bulkhead and other [307] improvements on said Lot, a bond payable in one year without interest be executed in his favour for One thousand dollars—provided said Harsin accepts of the same by the 15th inst. and provided that the said C. Harsin shall give to the Corporation such a title to the Same free of all incumbrances as the Counsel of this Board shall approve."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to .

The Special Committee, on the petition of Joseph O. Bogart, reported: "That they have enquired into the complaint made by the Register of Dogs, which appears to be not of so high a nature as your Committee would think this Board justified to enforce the penalty from the following facts. Your Committee (some of them) know the boy to be not the best inclined and that Mr. Bogart has endeavoured to get

rid of him by giving up his indentures but his parents refused to take them. His master has offered to give said boy his time but he would not accept that. Your Committee would farther state that at the time the transaction took place this boy was [308] coming from Market in his Cart and there appears no evidence that he got out of his Cart, but that what he did was saying "Get out" and threw a potato from his cart toward a dog that the Register was about to kill. Your Committee would recommend the following:

"Resolved that Joseph O. Bogart be released from the penalty of One hundred dollars by paying the costs.

"Resolved that the Attorney proceed against the boy if he should think the testimony sufficient to convict."

(signed) R. Munson
" Jno. P. Anthony

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Applications, to whom was referred the petition of Erastus Smith to be appointed a Measurer of Charcoal, reported that they had made the necessary enquiry and reported as their opinion that the prayer of the petitioner should be granted—which was approved and on motion it was resolved that he be appointed to said Office.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner [309] respecting Lime Houses, reported the following Resolution

"Resolved. that Lime Houses be permitted to remain in the Streets of this City until the first day of December in each year subject to the existing regulations except in cases where the buildings are under roof before that time"

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which Resolution was adopted.

The Committee of the Board of Health, to whom had been referred an account of Napthali Phillips proprietor of the National Advocate with directions to report thereon to the Common Council, reported:

"That the account of Mr. Phillips is composed of several charges for publishing the address of the Board of Health and a Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor under the Health Law from the year 1813 to 1818 inclusive. The items are charged at the usual and customary rates and amount in all to the sum of $106.87½. It appears

that Mr. Phillips has acted under the impression that these advertisements were included in the annual allowance made by the Corporation for publishing their Laws &c. and therefore neglected [310] to present the bill sooner. But upon investigation your Committee find that bills of other printers in the employment of the Corporation have uniformly been paid for advertisements of the same description in addition to their annual allowance. How far this practice has been correct your Committee do not feel themselves called upon to say:—but since others have been compensated for similar services they can preceive no reason to withhold it from Mr. Phillips. They therefore submit the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller present a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favor of Mr. Naphtali Phillips for One hundred and six dollars and eighty seven cents."

(signed) E. W. King
" John Morss

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on the Fire Department to whom had been referred that part of the Street Commissioner's Communication recommending the erection of an Engine House on a lot of ground reserved for that purpose at the Albany Basin, reported: "That in their opinion a [311] house ought to be erected on the said Lot, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and he is hereby directed to erect an Engine house on said lot of ground at the Albany Basin."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" A. L. Underhill.

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

Alderman Munson presented an Ordinance to amend the Law relative to Hackney Coaches and Carriages—which was read and passed.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Committee on Weighmasters, to whom was referred a Communication from a Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, be instructed to invite the gentlemen composing that Committee to a conference on the subject of said Communication."

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved—that the Comptroller prepare a Warrant at the next meeting of this Board in favor of the Widow Taylor whose husband was killed at a late fire in this City for Sixty dollars being a donation

for One year from this Corporation [312] while she remains a Widow." which was agreed to and a Warrant directed to be reported therefor.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury—26th October	8023.68	
Recd for Tax of 1818—1st and 8th wards	5500.	
" " Streets	2220.17	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	120.25	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	483.	16,847.10

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st District	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do	413.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House and Officers—1 qr. Salary 1st instant	625.	
Danl H. Magee—Keepr Potter's Fd 1 mo. 1 inst	46.50	
Astin & Cochran—Messengers— do. do.	60.	
W. J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr do. do.	54.	
Obadiah Ayres— do. do. do.	54.	
Saml Hutchings—St. Inspr do. do	54.	
Jonathan Weeden— do do do	54.	
Jordan Mott—Clock for Mayor's Office	110.	
Thos. P. Low—printing for Corporation—One quarter 1st instant	92.50	
[313] Estate Reub. Stevens—posting bills 1 qr. 1 inst	15.	
Danl Boyce—Arrears Tax refunded—error sale	13.81	
Jos. Leonard—Lists passengers—foreign and Coasting to 1st inst	62.50	
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspector—removing Nuisances—6 mo. 1st inst	29.75	
Jno. Ryker—paints Engines Nos. 34 & 39	40.	
Danl Biggs—Work at Lamps—3 mo. 1 inst	42.50	
Silas Lord—Intt on 4 Bonds for Canal Street—1 year 18th Octr	590.63	
Gerardus Kuypers—Intt on Bond—one year 16th Octr	210.	
Geo. Lovett—on Act 3d Instalment piers Spring Street	2275.	
Sarah B. Payne—Awd Roosevelt St	9255.	
Amos Jones on acct of Contract—for making Road thro' 9th Avenue and 28th Street	900.	16,822.44
Balance		$24.66

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock the 9th instant.

[314] In Common Council Nov. 9. 1818

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Effingm Schieffelin
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

A Petition of Allen Clark for permission to build Two Vaults in Broome Street was read and granted on the usual terms.

A petition of George Warner, for the purchase of a gore of ground on the North Side of Fourth Street adjoining his property was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[315] A Letter from Commodore Isaac Chauncey was received stating that the boundaries of the ground lately purchased by him at Hell Gate Ferry would, if run according to the lines of his Deed, include a part of the grounds occupied by the Corporation for their Ferry Stable and other grounds used for said Ferry, and requesting a Committee to arrange with him as to a cession from him for the uses of said Ferry. Whereupon it was referred to the Ferry Committee with authority to them to make such arrangements with Commodore Chauncey as they shall deem just and proper.

A Letter was received from Colonel Murray, stating that the Standard voted to his Regiment by the Common Council would be completed in about Ten days and suggesting the 25th instant as an appropriate day for the presentation. Whereupon it was referred to General Morton, the Clerk of the Common Council, to make arrangements on the Subject.

Petition of Isaac Gomez Jr. and of Mott Hicks for appointment of Weighmasters were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Alexander Carlow for remission of Fine for driving Two Trucks paying Licence but for one [316] was read and referred to the Attorney

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants that 10th Avenue may be laid out and worked was read and referred to the Road Committee.

A Petition of *Haron* [Aaron] Henry recommended by a number of Inhabitants that the right of Ferrying from the Island between the States' Prison and Fort Gansevoort to Weehawk Landing may be granted to said Henry, was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 6."

Jas. Shotwell—Cooper—Murray St. Third Ward vice Fisher E. Valentine—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 14"

Alexr Campbell—Clerk—159 Fulton St. 3d Ward vice Joseph C. Wright—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 18."

Wm S. Leggett Mercht. 56 Elizabeth St. 6th ward vice Townsend Cock. Resigned

Steph. R. Kirby—Account. 99 Lombardy—7 ward vice Phineas S. Bunting—Resigned

[317] Joseph Rushton Accr 124½ Chatham St. 6th ward vice John Willis—Deceased

"Fire Engine Company No. 24."

William Brown—Chair Maker—Beekman St. 2 ward vice Edward Duryea—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 27"

Balshazr Melick—Clerk—500 Greenwich St. 8th ward vice Wm Cranstoun—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Marvel Garrison—Cartman—Sullivan n. Broome 8th ward vice John Willett—Resigned

The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of property sold for Non payment of Assessments

1	Part of Susan Street—Owner unknown—Sold to James Vincent for 40 years	173.63
2	Piece of Land belonging to John Decatur sold to John Irving for 35 years	195.05
3	piece of land belonging to Hyder Somerindyke sold to Wm L. Van Zandt—for 17 years	64.61

4	piece of land belonging to Hyder Somerindyke sold to John Irving for 28 years	128.17
7	piece of land belonging to Heirs of Dav[d] A. Fowler sold to John Irving for 40 years	134.25
8	Two Lots belonging to Charles Debevoise sold to Benjamin Ferris for 2 years	414.39
10.	[318] Four Lots belonging to Patrick Faghen sold to John J. Stewart for 1 year	22.32
13	Three Lots belonging to C. or R. Dickenson sold to Oliver Wilcox for 5 years	495.20
14	—One Lot belonging to Jno. R. Livingston McCarty Lessee—to J. R. Livingston for 10 years	393.17
16	Four Lots—belonging to Solomon Wheeler—sold to W[m] Paulding Jr. for 1 year	185.29
17	One Lot—belonging to Estate of Ready—sold to Jarvis Lockwood for 2 years	65.21
18	One Lot belonging to Estate of Ready—sold to Thomas Mooney for 8 years	67.80
20	One Lot belonging to Unknown Owner—sold to Henry Abel for 14 years	63.95
21	Three Lots belonging to John Fiora—sold to W[m] L. Van Zandt for 2 years	255.65

The above property was all sold subject to payment of the Back Taxes—also subject to Tax of the present year and to the United States' Tax, if any

(signed) Jno. McComb
St. Comm[r]

which was directed to be filed.

He also presented the following Ordinances—which were passed—Viz for regulating Fourth [319] Street from the Bowery to the Sixth Avenue, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood & Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors—and for paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for paving Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank Street—which was confirmed and Morris DeCamp appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances: which were passed: Viz

1	Jno. Beekman	Own.	Eldridge St.	Lot
2	Jno. B. Thorpe Mrs. Duplex	Own. Occ.	14 Thames St.	do.
3	John Bingham Mrs. Cooper	Own. Occ.	William & Pine Sts	Privy

4	Dav. Brown	Own. & Occ.	22	Chrystie St.	Privy
5	Jno. Wiese	Les. & Occ.	25	do	do.
6	Jac. Van Pelt.	do. do.	26	do	do.
7	J. Varian Mrs. Arnot	Own Occ.	32	do	do
8	Joshua Seely do	Own Occ	1	Forsythe St.	do
9	[320] Wm Phebus R. Beatty	Own. Occ.	7	do	do
10.	J. Varian I. Booker	Own. Occ.	11	do.	do
11	S. Pontier J. Williams	Own. Occ.	19	do	do
12	F. Byington	Own. & Occ.	4.	Bayard St.	do
13	J. Harrison Mrs. C. Mercein	Own. Occ.	6	do	do
14	A. Paff Mrs. J. McDonald	Own. Occ.	92	do	do
15	A. Kleine J. B. Wetmore	Own. Occ.	93	do	do
16	T. Zebriskie	Own. & Occ.	53	Pump St.	do
17	C. Sutton Wm Little	Own. Occ.	55	do	do
18	John Martin G. Harper & J. Thompson	Own. Occ.	67	do	do
19	J. Nitchie J. A. Nuso	Own. Occ.	81	do	do
20	Jas. Williamson	Own. & Occ.	83	do	do
21	Bn Banks	do. do	13	Eldridge St.	do
22	Walter Scott	Les. & Occ.	14	do	do
23	Jac. Varian Own.	T. Prior Occ.	19	do	do
24	do Jno. Hendrickson	Own. Occ.	21	do	do
25	[321] Wm C. Hall	Own. & Occ.	23	do	do
26	M. Noe J. W. Whitlock	Own Occ.	26	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Finance Committee, on the petition of William Vail, reported: "That the said lot is 25 feet front on Grand Street and 75 feet deep

and was ceded to the Corporation by Abraham Cannon deceased for the benefit of said Ferry, that it has been entirely unproductive to the Corporation since its cession but being eligibly situated, it is presumed now that the Ferry is in successful operation it may be advantageously rented. The Committee propose the following Resolution on the subject of Mr. Vaile's application:

"Resolved that a Lease for the ground alluded to above be granted to William Vaile at the yearly rent of 50 dollars for a term of years to expire on the same day with the Lease of the Ferry at the foot of Grand Street—provided however that if the terms hereby offered are not accepted by the said Vaile previous to the 20th instant then this resolve to be void."

(signed) S. Allen R. Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved.

[322] The Counsel agreeably to the reference to him reported a Law entitled "A Law to prevent accidents from opening vaults"—which was read by paragraphs and passed.

The Counsel presented the following Report:

"That the Supreme Court have decided that it is unnecessary for them to interfere in the matter relative to the premises required for a Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip by granting a mandamus to the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon the Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Corporation; because if the Corporation had a right to discontinue these proceedings they have done it effectually, and if an action is commenced to recover the damages awarded by the Jury the matter may be taken advantage of by pleading it in defence of the suit."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the complaint of James Davidson against John Marschalk a City Weigher, reported: "That by the annexed Bill of Mr. Marschalk it appears that he did present a bill for fees not allowed by [323] law; and this circumstance unexplained or unaccounted for in any case should in the opinion of your Committee be considered good ground for the removal of any officer under the Board. But in the present case Mr. Marschalk acted under the new law, and it appears by the Tariff therein established that Moss (the article weighed) is twice enumerated, and at different prices, one price for loose Moss and another for Moss in Bales.

"The error made by the Weigher was in charging for Moss in Bales the price allowed for loose Moss. It appears this was the first instance of this Weighmaster's weighing Moss under the new Tariff, and he alleges that he had not then discovered that the same article was twice enumerated in the law, but that after making out his Bill and discovering this fact he did not collect the amount of fees as charged in his bill.

"Under these circumstances your Committee have considered that this Weighmaster has cleared himself from the imputation of receiving or designedly charging illegal fees."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which was received and ordered to be filed.

The Police Committee on petition of Nathan Jackson presented a Report which was referred back to same Committee.

[324] The Police Committee, on the Resolution respecting the extra allowance to Marshalls and Constables, reported: "That they have had the above subject under consideration and are of opinion that it is advisable to continue the extra allowance referred to in the above mentioned Resolution; but your Committee would respectfully state that inasmuch as the Watchmen are subject to the orders of the Special Justices your Committee are of opinion that the Constables and Marshalls ought not to be called out on Night duty more frequently than is absolutely necessary." The Committee beg leave to recommend that a Copy of this Report be handed by the Clerk of this Board to the Special Justices."

(signed) Thos. Bolton
" Steph. Allen
" Sam[l] Stevens
" Leonard Kip
" George B. Thorp

which was approved.

Alderman Munson stated verbally that he had been requested to represent to the Board on the behalf of William Vandervoort, Reuben Wright and David D. Crane, whose resignations as Weighmasters had been lately accepted by the Board, [325] that it was far from their intention to have subscribed any Memorial to the Board which contained matter any way desrespectful to the Board and that they were not aware that the said Memorial subscribed by them was couched in such terms and that they requested to be reinstated in their said Offices of Weighmasters. Whereupon it was Resolved that the said William

Vandervoort, Reuben Wright and David D. Crane be and are hereby appointed to the office of Weighmasters.

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to. Viz.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to enquire and report to the Board whether, in the event of property being sold for the non-payment of Taxes or Assessments and it afterwards appearing by the production of the receipt of the Collector that such tax or assessment has been duly paid previous to such sale, the Corporation can maintain an action against such collector for the amount at which said property was sold together with the expences attending the same."

Resolved that the following be a Committee to make the accustomed arrangements for celebration [326] of the Anniversary of the 25th November, being the day on which the British Army finally evacuted this City in the year 1782. Viz. Aldn Bucknaster Aldn Taylor Aldn Thorp Messrs. Anthony Akerly.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 2d instant	$24.66	
Recd For Tax of 1818—1st 2d & 10th wards	7500.	
" " Rents	2879.72	
" " Streets	3675.18	
" " Common Lands sold	870.92	
" " Canal Street	500.	
" " Arrears of Tax	400.	
" " Wells & Pumps	225.79	
" " 70th Street	69.14	
" " Excise	58.62	16.204.03

Accounts Audited.

N. Phillips—prints Board Health in National Advocate	106.87
Helen Taylor—Donation for 1 year to 1st May 1819	60.
[327] Matt. Crosby—for 26 Casks Oil	1661.
Geo. Snethen—Sup. & light. Lamps—1 mo. 1 ins	772.03
Pet. Debaum—acct regg Hudson St	1000.
Chs. Mooney—act repavg Depeyster St	400.
do. pavg Pine St. from Pearl to South St	400.
Jno. Stanley—regg Bond St. fr. B'Way to Bowery	300.
Chs. Mooney—acct repavg Water St	200.
do. do. do Front St	200.
Terce Tiffany—act regg Sheriff St	200.
Jas. Pinkerton—pavg Frankfort St. from Pearl to near Gold Street	200.
Davd West—pavg Oak St. from Oliver to Catharine	144.67
Jas. Pinkerton—repairg Intersections	13.29

J. McComb—St. Comr to pay for earth to fill basin at Charlton St	500.	
Robt Pettigrew—act Well in 2d Avenue	84.56	
Hen. Voorhies—balce do. McDougal St	52.75	
Robt. Pettigrew— do. Laight St	36.13	
Jac. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Repairs	700.	
do. reprs. Lamps in Octr	70.	
W. Fish—Treasr on act 25th dividend City Stock due 1st inst.	8000.	
Rich. Furman—Supt Alms' house	1100.	16,201.34
	Balance	$2.69

Adjourned to meet Monday next at 5 o'clock.

[328] In Common Council Nov. 16. 1818.

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anth. L. Underhill	Saml. Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Saml. Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Samuel Helms for an Appointment of Inspector of Firewood was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Turner for remission of fine incurred by commencing the digging of a Vault in the Street contrary to the law in that case made and provided, stating that having lately removed into the City he was ignorant of the law on the subject. Whereupon it was resolved that [329] the same be referred to the Police Committee.

A Petition of Thomas Egenton, stating that Leonard Street had been paved in an unworkmanlike manner and praying to be permitted to have the Street in front of his houses repaved at his own expence—was read and referred to the Street Commissioner with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition of the Inhabitants of Carmine Street stating that the Sewer which carried off the Water of the Manetta Brook was nearly closed up, and praying that a Sewer of durable materials may be con-

structed was read and referred to the former Committee on Greenwich Village.

A Petition of George J. Duryee for grant of a Ferry from foot of Spring Street to Hoboken—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Petition of Thomas L. Ogden and others praying a regulation of the Foot-walks in Nassau Street was read and referred to Street Committee and Street Commissioner.

A Petition for a Pump at the corner of Bleecker and [330] McDougall Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor

A Petition of Amos Bacon praying remission of fine under the law respecting Cartmen was read and a motion made to refer it to a Special Committee which was lost. It was then agreed to be referred to the Attorney.

A Petition of Effingham Marsh for Stall No. 57 in Fly Market at present occupied by Jacob Manold who was willing to relinquish the same—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from Charles Christian Esqr. one of the Police Magistrates explaining the cause why the Police Officers had been employed by the Police Justices in taking up disorderly persons at night instead of the Watchmen—was read and ordered to be filed.

A Petition of John J. Vanderpool Keeper of the Steam Boat Hotel No. 1 Washington Street praying for the accommodation of passengers travelling in the Steam Boat that he may be permit- [331] ted to keep the doors of his Grocery Store open on Sunday was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the First Ward.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 1."

Jas. Patterson—Cooper—9 Front Street—1st ward—vice Frederick Pentz—Resigned.

Allen McDougall—Cooper—32 Old Slip—1st ward—vice Thomas Bletcher—Resigned.

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 1.	Moses Marsh—Builder No. 51 White St. 5 ward.	v. Gilbert Hyslop—Removed.
	Jno. Dennis—Sash Maker No. 60 Provost St. 5 ward.	v. John Bush—Expelled

No. 5	Wm H. Oliver—Hatter— 96 Water St. 1st Ward.	v. Church Miller—Resigned.
No. 10.	Fisher F. Valentine—Grocer 3d Avenue c. Bowery 10 ward	v. Nicholas Cromer—Resigned
No. 13.	Jno. Ridley, Engraver— 5 Bancker St. 4th ward	v. John Leonard—Resigned.
	Robt. Cromwell—Merchant 22 Oak St. 4th ward	An Additional Member
No. 17.	Daniel Dyke Jr. Shipwright 62 Chrystie St. 10th ward	v. Josep Haviland—Resigned.

[332] The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition on the 12th of October last praying that the Streets may be regulated to the North of the South line of the Commissioners, reported in favor of the petition and recommended that instructions be given to have a plan and Model made for regulating all the ground between North and 25th Streets in connection with the one already ordered for ground to the Northward of Greenwich Village—Whereupon said Report was referred to a Special Committee consisting of Aldermen Munson Underhill McQueen Messrs. Bolton Kip.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating and paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street and for paving Vestry Street from Washington Street to near Hudson Street—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented an assessment for a Well and [333] Pump in the Second Avenue—which was laid for consideration.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed—Viz

1	Wm Rhinelander	Own.	55	Chrystie St.	Lot
2	Mrs. Jane Feamster	do.	52	Pump St.	do.
3	J. E. Millet P. Brown	Own. Occ.	5	Jacob St.	do.
4	John Tait John Price	Own. Occ.	74	Pump St.	Privy
5	David Bryson B. Horton	Own. Occ.	8	Frankfort St.	do
6	Geo. W. Dean	Lcs. & Occ.	33	Eldridge St.	do.
7	David Lambert	Own. & Occ.	35	do.	do.
8	John Hecker	do. do.	128	Hester	do.
9	B. Farrington E. Farrington	Own. Occ.	140	do.	do.

10	Rowland Powel	Les. & Occ.	43	Forsythe	Privy
11	P. Crawbuck Wm Ryan	Own. Occ.	45	do.	do.
12	Jas. Forrest	Own. & Occ.	49	do.	do.
13	H. Sherrer S. Cutler	Own. Occ.	53	do	do.
14	H. Sherrer A. Sherrer	Own. Occ.	55	do.	do.
15	[334] J. Feamster Jno. Feamster	Own. Occ.	52	Pump St.	do
16	Hester Martin	Les. & Occ.	56.	do.	do.
17	M. Dixon	do. do.	56	do.	do
18	Wm Shepard	do. do.	56	do.	do.
19	Lawrence Sinclair	Own. & Oc.	58	do.	do
20	Benj. Woods.	Les. & Occ.	68	do.	do
21	F. Gantz R. Arthur	Own. Occ.	76	do.	do
22	E. Valentine A. Bassford	Own. Occ.	80	do.	do
23	T. Cooper J. Tomlinson	Own. Occ.	46	Chrystie St.	do
24	J. Quackenbos Jas. Couenhoven	Own. Occ.	48	do	do
25	J. Quackenboss Wm Murter	Own. Occ.	50	do.	do
26	W. Rhinelander Wm Abial	Own. Occ.	55	do.	do
27	Jno. P. Baker H. McKay	Own. Occ.	57	do.	do
28	Dav. Grim	Own. & Occ.	58	do.	do
29	Geo. Harsin Jr.	do. do.	60	do	do
30	Jac. Hesch	do. do.	60	do.	do
31	Dav. Raymer	do. do.	64	do	do

(signed) G. Cuming—C. Inspr

[335] The Counsel, to whom it was referred to enquire and report to the Board whether in the event of property being sold for the non-payment of taxes and Assessments and it afterwards appearing by the production of the receipt of the Collector that such Tax or Assessment has been duly paid previous to such sale the Corporation can maintain an action against such Collector for the amount at which

said property was sold together with the expences attending the same— Reported:—"That he has duly considered the case submitted to him and is of opinion that the Corporation can maintain an action against such Collector for the amount for which property was sold under such circumstances together with the expences attending the same."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented draught Certificates of the sale of certain lots of ground by the Street Commissioner on the 3d day of November instant for Arrears due for Assessments, which certificates were drawn in pursuance of instructions from the Street Commissioner. Whereupon the same were directed to be duly executed.

[336] The Comptroller presented a Communication on the subject of property which had been sold on Lease for default in payment of Assessment, the term of years for which said lands had been leased having expired and yet were retained in possession by the Lessees— also in relation to the Tax on Quakers in lieu of military duty, and on the subject of Assessments for personal Estates—which was read and referred to the Committee on the subject of Applications to the Legislature.

The Attorney, on the petition of Luke Gillen, reported:—"That a Complaint was made at his Office against the said Gillen for selling liquor without license on various different times and also selling on Sunday: that Gillen denied the charge: a suit was commenced in the 3d Ward Justices' Court for selling liquor without licence: the cause was tried and judgment given against the said Gillen for Thirty seven dollars fifty cents."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) A. Sherman

Attorney

which was directed to be filed.

[337] The Attorney, on the petition of Alexander Carlow, reported: "That as stated in the said petition a complaint was made against him for driving Two Trucks under One Licence and One number: that a Suit was commenced and a judgment entered against him by default and in the evidence of the Cartman who complained: that he has enquired into the circumstances set forth in the petition and has ascertained that he had the verbal permission of the late Mayor, Mr. Radcliff, to continue driving his Two Trucks as stated, which may have led him into an error, and as he has discontinued

driving one of the said Trucks he recommends a remission of the penalty on payment of costs."

Respectfully Submitted

(Signed) A. Sherman

which was approved and the fine directed to be remitted.

The Lamp Committee, on the petition for placing lamps in the First Avenue—Reported:

"That for some Twelve or more years past lamps have been put in the Bowery and Broadway as far up as Art Street and so down to Greenwich Village, and a considerable number are in the 9th Ward that were in the 10th owing to the [338] boundary of the 9th coming down to 6th Street from Stuyvesant Street making more lamps in the 9th ward than there were formerly, and of course a part of those lamps named in this Report will be in the 9th ward and as that ward pay no Tax for lamps your Committee would suggest whether it would not be proper that application should be made to the next Legislature to alter the law so that the 9th Ward should pay in proportion the same as the other wards. Your Committee offer the following:

"Resolved that lamps be put up at the corner of each Intersection from First to Eighth Street in the First Avenue.

"Resolved that application be made to the Legislature at the next Session to alter the law respecting Lamps so as to include so much of the Ninth Ward as may from time to time be lighted and watched."

(signed) Reuben Munson

" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Road Committee, on the petition for working a part of the Tenth Avenue, present- [339] ed a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, on the petition of Benjamin Dearborn, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

The Same Committee, on the petition of Sarah Beach, Reported:—"That a Committee of the Corporation of 1817 in a certain Report, dated the day of 1817, among other things recommended the ascertaining the latitude of the City Hall which when accurately taken should hereafter be considered as the latitude of the City of New York. The aforesaid recommendation was approved and ordered to be carried into effect under the direction of the Committee. Captain Jesse Beach, the husband of the petitioner, offered

his services as stated in the petition and after comparing his several observations of the heavenly bodies he determined the latitude to be 40° 42′ 43″ which is introduced on the last Map of the City as published by Mr. Longworth. Mr. Beach died without asking for the compensation which appears to be due to him. His Widow therefore applies for remuneration of those Services which her husband's death prevented him from [340] seeking. Wherefore, in consideration of his services, the Committee recommend that Thirty dollars be paid to his widow, and for that purpose offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Thirty dollars be given to Sarah Beach, the Widow of Captain Jesse Beach, in consideration of the services of the latter in ascertaining the latitude of the City Hall in August 1817 and that a Warrant pass for the same."

(Signed) Saml. Akerly
" John Morss
" Jac. B. Taylor
" E. W. King

which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant agreeably thereto.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition of Solomon Seixas, reported: That said Seixas has hired a Store in Wall Street and pays a heavy rent and has a very large family to support who rely wholly on his business. and that he only wishes the privilege until the 1st of May next when he will provide a place to sell within doors. Your Committee therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Solomon Seixas be permit- [341] ted to sell goods at Auction in Wall Street between Water and Front Streets until the 1st day of May next, provided he does not incommode the Side Walks nor so much of the Street as to prevent the free passage of Carts, &c.

(Signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following Resolution:

"Whereas the Lessee of the Hoorn's Hook Ferry is largely indebted to the Corporation for rent of the Said Ferry and is Supposed to be unable to pay the same, Resolved that the Counsel of this Board take the necessary legal measures to reenter into the Said demised premises.

which was agreed to.

Alderman Underhill presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that a Committee be appointed to enquire and report to this Board if any deficiency exists on the part of the person employed by the Corporation in regulating the Clocks of this City"—which was agreed to, and the subject was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

[342] The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 9th inst	$2.69	
Received for Rents	4216.45	
" Tax of 1818—2d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th wds	6250.	
" Streets	700.	11,169.14

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st dist	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower— do. 3d do.	413.	
Jno. McComb—St. Comr 1 qr. Sal. 12 Oct	500.	
G. N. Bleecker—Comptr 1 qr. do. 15 ins	500.	
Jac. Morton—Clerk C. C. &c. do. 1 inst	312.50	
Wm Hoghland, Keeper of Penitentiary and 3 assistants—1 qr. 1st instant	587.50	
G. Sickels—Keeper of City Prison and 2 assistants 1 qr 1 instant	350.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Reprs—one quarter 14th instant	225.	
Richd Walker—Physician to prison, Jail &c. 6 mo. 1st inst.	125.	
Jno. Burger—regs 4 Public Clocks—One quarter 1st instant	66.66	
Andw McCready—Keeper of Park—One Month 1st instant.	46.50	
Jno. Sidell—1st Marshall to pay officers executing Dog Law	168.	
[343] Geo. Lovett—balance of 3d Instalment Piers at Spring *Spring* Street	1200.	
Benjamin Hill—on act filling basin at Dey Street	500.	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs for Reprs. Piers Nos. 7 & 19 E. River	925.	
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. to pay bills for Engine House Greenwich	351.25	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' House	1050.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House—for working 3d Avenue	2000.	11,145.66
	Balance	$23.48

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[344] In Common Council, Nov. 23. 1818

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	Jno. J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & approved

The following Communication respecting the Parade of the 25th was read & ordered to be filed:

"General Morton begs leave to inform the Honorable the Corporation that the Troops assembled on the 25th instant in commemoration of the Evacuation of this City by the British Troops in 1783 will form the Line in Hudson Street and be reviewed at 11 o'clock and will [345] pass the Hall where the marching Salute will be received by the Commander in Chief at a little before 12 o'clock.

Nov. 23. 1818.

The following Communication respecting the presentation of the Standard voted to the Regiment under command of Colonel Murray was presented and read: Viz—"The Subscriber, to whom was referred the Arrangement respecting the presentation of the Standard voted to the Regiment of Artillery under the command of Colonel Murray, respectfully reports: That he has had a Communication with the Commandant of that Regiment and, as the presentation on the 25th would interfere with the military duties of that day, they would wish, if it is agreeable to the Corporation that the presentation be made on the 1st day of January next." respectfully submitted

(signed) J. Morton.

whereupon resolved that the Standard be presented on the First day of January next.

A Letter from Richard Platt Esqr. on behalf of a Committee of the Society of the Cincinnati, requesting the Members of the Common Council to sanction an Application of sundry citizens to Con-

gress in [346] which they recommend relief to be extended to the Surv[iv]ing officers of the Revolutionary Army by making good to them under certain regulations the promise made to them by resolutions of Congress in 1779, 1780 and 1781 of half pay during life, was presented & read. Whereupon it was resolved that the same be left in the hands of the Clerk of Common Council for the signatures of the members who wish to subscribe the same.

A Petition of James Latourettee and of Thomas C. Doremus, complaining of an undue Assessment upon them for personal Tax and praying relief, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Henry Dusenberry and others, Lessees of Cellars under Washington Market, stating that they have received orders from the Fire Wardens to remove the Stoves erected by them in the said cellars, and praying relief, was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Communication from the Society for the [347] promotion of Industry, praying the advice of the Board as to the mode of employment of the objects of the Society's care and for further pecuniary aid, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of John Fitzgerald, stating that a complaint has been made to the Attorney of the Board against him for selling liquor without licence; that a short time since he received a note from J. L. Graham Esqr. directing him to call on him and pay a fine for Selling liquor without license, which he complied with and paid the Sum of Ten Dollars; and that the present complaint to the Attorney is for the Same offence, and praying the interference of the Board—was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

The following Communication was received from D. S. Jones (late Counsel of the Board) Viz:

"The Subscriber has the honor to communicate to the Common Council that the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court in the case of Varick Street made report of their Estimate and Assessment in the premises at the late October term of the said Court—and that the report was confirmed by the said Court on the 22^{d} day of October.

[348] "The legal proceedings being thus completed the Common Council may direct the improvement to be carried into effect as soon as in their judgment it may be expedient.

"An Abstract of the Assessment has been furnished by the Sub-

scriber to the Street Commissioner, for the collection of which Assessment a Collector must be appointed by the Common Council."

(signed) D. S. Jones

whereupon Morris De Camp was appointed Collector.

A petition on behalf of the First Baptist Church and of the Methodist Church was received stating that the Burying grounds belonging to their respective churches had been Assessed toward the expences of a Well and Pump in the Second Avenue and praying to be relieved therefrom—whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Isaac Labagh Jr. for appointment of Weighmaster was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of James Hunt requesting the Board [349] to Settle a difference which existed as to the Bounds of the Ninth and Tenth Wood Inspection Districts—was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

A Communication from John G. Betts, Weighmaster General, on the subject of his Department, was read and referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A Petition of John Keyser for Stall No. 55 Fly Market and one from Margaret Sauters for a Huckster's Stand in Washington Market were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Elbert Anderson for permission to construct a Vault at the corner of Broadway & Read Street, was read and granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from the New York Institution for the instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, stating that a youth named James Kelley, a pauper in the Alms' House, was deaf & dumb, that the Directors were willing to afford him instruction, and requesting he may be permitted to attend for that purpose—which was read and referred to the Committee [350] on the Alms House with authority to act in the premises as they should judge advisable.

A petition of John Cannon for remission of fine incurred under the law prohibiting the hanging of cloths in the Streets was read and referred to the City Inspector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances—which were passed

1	Steph. Parret	Owner.	19 Henry St.	Lot
2	Benj. Berrian	Own & Occ.	80 Hester St.	Privy

3	P. Ebert Jno. Luckey	Own Occ.	15	Essex St.	Privy
4	Ezek[l] Bishop	Own. & Occ	19	do.	do.
5	J. Sherwood J. Osborn	Own. Occ.	34	Eldridge St.	do.
6	W[m] Tucker	Les. & Occ.	52	do.	do.
7	J. Remer	do. do.	54	do.	do.
8	Widow Shultz Jas. Miller	Own. Occ	37	Allen St.	do.
9	A. M[c]Beth	Own. & Occ.	18	Orchard St.	do
10	J. Watts D. Smith	Own. Occ.	20	do.	do
11	E. M[c]Beth do	Own Occ.	32	do	do
12	[351] D. Lewis E. Webb	Own. Occ.	40	do	do
13	Jno. Allen	Own. & Occ.	46	Allen St.	do.
14	Mrs. C. Norton W[m]Lownes	Les. Occ.	50	do.	do.
15	Mrs. C. Norton	Les. & Occ.	52	do.	do.
16	T. Skillman Mrs. M. Cornell	Own. Occ.	38	Pump St.	do.
17	R. Bloodgood Sam[l] Ross	Own Occ.	4	do.	do.
18	T. Lewis David Key	Own. Occ.	8	do.	do.
19	H. Disbrow Jas. Rhodes.	Own. Occ.	12	do.	do.
20	Mrs. C. Galloway	O. & Oc.	14	do.	do
21	Geo. Black. Ira Munson	Own. Occ.	20	do.	do.
22	C. Williams Hen[y] Wade	Own. Occ.	22	do.	do
23	Jas. Knox P. Dooley	Own. Occ.	30	do.	do.
24	Jas. Egerton S. Helmes J. Sheedy & P. Whaley	Own. Occ.	7	Ludlow St.	do
25	Jno. Lawrence M. West	Own. Occ.	8	do	do

26	[352] Jas. Egerton Wm Lee	Own Occ.	9 Ludlow St.		Privy
27	Jno. Lawrence Widow Adair	Own. Occ.	10	do.	do.
28	R. Wilson J. Washburn	Own. Occ.	18	do.	do.
29	R. Romaine	O. & Occ.	20	do	do.
30	J. Williams. R. Cropsey.	Own. Occ.	26	do.	do.
31	J. Emmons S. Vail	Own. Occ.	30	do.	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the Seventh Ward."

Job Furman Lumber Mercht. Jefferson St. 7th Ward—vice James Duboise Resigned.

"Fire Warden of Tenth Ward."

Jas. Bagley, Carpenter—8 Eldridge St. 10th ward—vice Jno. White Jr. Removed.

"Fire Engine Company, No. 7."

Horace Cole, Cartman. 27 Chesnut St. 4th Ward—vice Jonathan Labagh. resigned.

[353] "Fire Engine Company No. 21."

Peter Aims—Mechanic—14 Spruce St. 2d Ward—vice Benjn M. Birdsall, removed

Saml Low—Mechanic—4 Crane Wharf, 2d Ward vice William Wright—Removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 26."

Jos. W. Rogers, Founder, 128 Henry Street—7th Ward vice Job Furman—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 29."

Hen. Hutchison—grocer—Charles c. Washington—9 ward—vice Ralph Vanhouten—Removed

Richd Amos Jr. Mercht. Christopher c. Greenwich, 9 W. vice John Vermilyea—Removed

Edwd McKee—grocer—Hammond c. Greenwich—9 wd—vice Peter Demarest—Removed

" Fire Engine Company No. 33 "

Dan[l] S. Robertson—Mason—Grand St. 10 ward—vice Samuel Cook—Expelled.

" Fire Engine Company No. 37."

W[m] Benedict—Black Smith—Water n. Scammel St. 7 w[d] vice John Scott—resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances which were passed—Viz—for a Well and pump in Bleecker Street near M[c]-Dougall Street, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were [354] appointed Assessors: for a Well and Bump in Willett Street, and Abraham Baudouine, John Brower and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors: for regulating Mercer Street from Bleecker Street to Amity Street and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and John Brower were appointed Assessors: for regulating North Street from Chrystie Street to Willet Street and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on Assessments for repaving Bancker Street, for a Well and pump in Reade Street and for a Well and pump in Third Street, and Warrants were directed to issue to Morris De Camp the Collector to collect the same—Also a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Pump Street. for a Well and pump in Orange Street and for one in Crosby Street and Warrants were directed to issue to N. Jarvis Collector for collecting the Same.

He also presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and the following Collectors appointed—Viz—for paving Jacob Street from Frankfort to Ferry Street and for curbing & gravelling [355] Side walks in Washington Street from Le Roy to Hammond Street and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector: for regulating and repaving Spring Street, from Wooster to Thompson Street, and for paving Beaver Street from Broad Street to William Street and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector.

The Counsel presented Four Certificates for lands Sold for Taxes which were directed to be duly executed, namely Lots No. 19 & 21 Cliff Street & 68 Maiden Lane to Danl. Boardman No. 61 Beekman St. to Philip Brasher and 283 Water St. to Robert Nichols

The Special Committee. to whom was referred the petition of Several guagers of Domestic Spirits, reported:

" That they have examined the Same together with the papers hereunto annexed, from which it appears that they complain more of the conduct of the Inspector of Domestic Spirits and his Deputy than against any Ordinance of the Corporation.

The Committee are informed that the Inspector is appointed by the Council of Appointment and not Subject to the order of this Board: They are therefore of opinion it would be inexpedient for the Common Council to interfere. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the petitioners complaining of the conduct of the Inspectors of Domestic [356] Spirits have leave to withdraw their petition and the documents which accompany the same."

(signed) Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" E. W. King
" David Board
" G. Buckmaster

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Attorney presented a Communication stating that he had been directed by the board to prosecute on the recognizance of Frances Hamlin an Innkeeper; that upon applying to the Police for the recognizance he was informed by the Police Magistrates that they had given the Same to John L. Graham Esqr. for prosecution whom they had constituted their Attorney for that purpose—and he referred the case to the Board in order that the course of proceedings in such cases may be understood & settled. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature presented a report in part which was read and the consideration postponed and [357] copies directed to be printed for the use of the Members.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Communication from George Warner, reported:

"That the said pi[e]ce of land is 2 feet in front on the Bowery, 26 feet in the rear and about 500 feet deep, extending along Fourth Street and adjoins the property of Mr. Warner on the North: That the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment for opening Fourth Street have assessed the value, together with the improvement of said gore, at 2479 dollars, to be paid by the Corporation.

"The Committee in deciding on this Subject have not attempted to investigate the correctness of the Assessment but have acted on the general principle that in all cases where the Commissioners have fixed the value of land to be paid by the Corporation no private sale of such land ought to be made, unless the value thus fixed is paid by

the purchaser. They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a Deed to Mr. George Warner for the piece of land alluded to in the foregoing Report, provided he shall, on or before the 10th day of December next, pay to the Corporation the sum of Twenty [358] four hundred and Seventy nine dollars, and not otherwise."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Saml. Akerly
" Reubn Munson
" Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

A Member stating that he had confidential business to communicate, the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

A Resolution, proposing to*

The Doors were then Opened.

The Report of the Road Committee on opening the Tenth Avenue was called up and after some time spent thereon the further consideration was postponed and the Report laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury Novr 16	$23.48	
Recd for Tax 1818. 1st & 2d Wards	6500.	
" " Street Manure	4250.	
" " Streets	2178.78	
" " Wells and Pumps	100.	
[359]" " 3d Avenue	108.	
" " 8th Avenue	391.39	
" " 10th Avenue	259.21	13,810.86

Accounts Audited.

Henry Shiels—New Watch Caps and repairing for First District	249.14
Jonathan Pinkney—City Intendant—1 qr's Salary 19th instant	250.
Wm S. Smith—Collector City Revenue 1 qr's Salary 22d inst. &c	201.50
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer—1 qr's Salary 18th instant	200.00
B. Skaats—Keeper of City Hall—1 qr's Salary 24th inst	100.
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread—1 qr's Salary 17th instant	91.25

* Space left but no resolution inserted.—Ed.

B. Skaats—Expences of Corporation &c. 1 qr. 24th instant..	206.96	
John Place—Manure for the Park.....	83.	
Sarah Beach—Services of her husband Jesse Beach in ascertng Latitude City Hall.....	30.	
B. O'Blenis—to pay Officers conveying prisoners to City prison &c. 6 mo. 1 inst.....	248.12	
Hugh Smith act paving Water Street from Clinton to Corlaer Street	400.	
Jno. Stanley—bal. regs Bond St.....	260.92	
[360] O. Edwards, Attorney's fees & Court Charges opening Anthony Street.....	363.47	
Chs. Mooney—Act paving Pine St.....	200.	
Jas. Meghan—Act. pavg Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St.....	200.	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Bowling Green St.....	100.	
Tucker & Mabie—repairing Drain Oak St.....	89.25	
Jas. Meghan—repairg Intersections Streets.....	27.75	
Jno. Gallagher—1st instalt Well Willett St.....	39.24	
R. Pettigrew—bal. Well in Spring St.....	37.13	
Higgins & Parks—fillg at Rutger's Slip.....	600.	
John Anderson ½ expences reprg piers 2 & 4 East River...	590.74	
Pet. M. Allison—bal. 1st Instal. pier Oliver St.....	475.	
do. act. 2d do. do. do.	1025.	
Thos. McCready—delivg Tickets Charlton St. Basin.....	60.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days 15 ins.....	48.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. to pay Workmen Yard.....	600.	
W. Fish Treasr—to pay 25th Dividend City Stock due 1st inst Balance	4000.	
Richd Furman—Supt Alms' House.....	3000.	13,776.47
	Balance	$34.39

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock

[361] In Common Council Nov. 30. 1818

Present.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Approved

A petition of John D. Crawbuck for Stall No. 55 Fly Market—of Daniel Winship Jr. and of George Messerve for Stall No. 55 or 57 Fly Market—and of George Underhill for a Stall in Grand Street Market at Corlaers' Hook were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of James Anderson for permission to construct a Vault in front of No. 135 Broadway was granted on usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

[362] A petition of John Dewitt for remission of fine for running his horse in the Streets beyond the speed allowed by law was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial of Sundry Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward, complaining that there was no place assigned in said Ward where public sales at auction might be held, which was an inconvenience to the Inhabitants and praying that the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets near the Spring Street Market may be assigned for such purpose was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of Henry Gahn was received—stating that Ursula Matuet Jouette, a French Lady formerly of the Island of St. Domingo, died intestate in New York on the 9th of August 1807: that the City Treasurer administered upon her Estate and returned for the Corporation the sum of $287.98 cents which remained in his hands after the payment of her debts: that one half of this amount was in the year 1815 paid over by order of the Corporation to Mr. La Forgue of this City as Attorney for the Widow Magnan [363] one of the children of the deceased Mrs. Jouettee: that by the documents accompanying the petition authenticated by the American Consul at Paris (Isaac Cox Barnet Esqr.) it appears said Mrs. Jouette had only one other child Louis Matthias Jouette who, together with Monsieur Manni the present husband of Mrs. Magnan, has executed a power of Attorney to petitioner to demand and receive all the property of said Intestate Mrs. Jouette and praying that the said sum remaining in the Treasurer's hands may be paid over to him. Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller and the Public Administrator.

A petition from John Low, brother of Thomas Low deceased late printer to the Corporation, in behalf of the Widow and Sisters of the said Thomas P. Low deceased, praying that the printing business of the Corporation may be given to Elizabeth and Esther R. Low or to John Low and a petition from Messrs. Southwick and Pelsue praying to be appointed printers to the Corporation—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants of the Ninth Ward complaining of the operation of the [364] Dog Law and praying relief therefrom was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Jacob Smith was received stating that some time since he made application to the Board respecting a Machine invented by him for the purpose of throwing down chimneys and Walls left Standing after the buildings had been destroyed by fire; that a large machine had been made on his model, had been put in operation and, as he understood, had been approved of, but that no report had been made on the Subject, and praying a report may be called for—which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel of the Board reported:

"That the Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court to estimate the value of the premises between Fulton Street and Crane Wharf, which are required for a Site for a Market, have completed the Estimate of the value of that property and have delivered it to the Counsel for the purpose of preparing a Report to the Supreme Court but that they have not made [365] any Assessments upon any property for benefits which may be conferred upon it in consequence of occupying those premises for a public Market. Under these circumstances the Counsel feels himself at a loss to decide whether he ought to prepare the report or not and requests instructions from the Board on the Subject."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

whereupon the Counsel was directed to suspend preparing a report to the Supreme Court on behalf of the Assessors until the further order of the Board and that the communication be referred to the Committee on that Subject—Messrs. Stevens Anthony Westervelt Board Allen

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for cleaning and repairing the Drain in Batavia Street—which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and J. C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

He also presented an Assessment for regulating *for regulating* Mercer Street from Bleecker to Amity Street—which was confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

[366] He also presented a Communication on the subject of opening Thompson Street, which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Inspector, to whom was referred the petition of John Cannon, presented a report which was laid on the Table.

He also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances —which were passed: Viz

1.	James Thompson	Own.	Batavia Lane		Lot
2	P. Fenton	Own.	16	Norfolk St.	Privy
	Jno. H. Snider	Occ.			
3	W[m] Mitchell	Own.	21	Pearl St.	do.
4	J. Williams	Own.	8	Essex St.	do.
	Dan[l] Glen	Occ.			
5	Beekman	Own	10	do.	do.
	J. Evans.	Occ.			
6	Philip Smith	Own. & Occ.	18	do.	do.
7	P. Egbert.	do. do.	17	Hester St.	do.
8	W[m] Sutliff	do. do.	24	do.	do
9	do.	Own.	22	do.	do.
	N. Smalley	Occ.			
10	C. Mead.	Own	28	do.	do
	S. Hoit	Occ.			
11	Amos Clark.	Own. & Occ.	33	do	do
12	[367] C. Williams	Own. & Occ.	35	do	do
13	P. Fenton	Owner	36	do.	do
	N. Fitch	Occ.			
14	Abijah Barker	Own. & Occ.	39	do.	do.
15	Aaron Lucas.	do. do.	40	do.	do.
16	W. Howel	Own.	41	do.	do.
	D. Halsey	Occ.			
17	H. Wheeler	Les. & Occ.	44	do.	do.
18	P. Nott	do. do.	46	do.	do.
19	T. Cozley	Own. & Occ.	71	do.	do.
20	C. Polhemus	Own.	73	do.	do.
	D. Coit	Occ.			
21	C. Polhemus	Own. & Occ.	75	do.	do.
22	do.	Own.	77	do	do.
	Jas. Reynolds	Occ.			
23	P. Lorillard	Own	79	do.	do.
	E. Reynolds.	Occ.			
24	Jno. Rook	Own.	85	do.	do.
	A. Denniston	Occ.			
25	Widow Brane	Own	89	do.	do
	C. Heamer	Occ.			
26	Widow Brane	Own.			
	Jas. Farrell	Agt.	93	do.	do.
	Jno. P. Ciertain	Occ.			

27	Mrs. Duffie T. Howell	Own. Occ.	109	Hester St.	Privy
28	[368] Mrs. Duffie C. Anspake	Own. Occ.	113	do.	do.
29	E. Hoffman	Own. & Occ.	131	do.	do.
30	Darby Haggerty	Own.	14	Catharine Lane	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:

"Hook & Ladder Company No. 2."

James Ransom—Carpenter—1 Oliver St. 4 ward—vice Isaac Carpenter—Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 3."

James Brady—Coachmaker—Murray c. Greenwich Sts. vice William Sargeant Expelled

"Fire Engine Company No. 30."

Lewis Ellis—Baker—69 Scammel St. 10th Ward—vice John Oakley Resigned.

The Police Committee, on the petition of Nathan Jackson, reported:

"That they have enquired into the matters set forth in Mr. Jackson's petition and your Committee are Satisfied that the conduct of the Attorney of this Board has been correct and proper—but inasmuch as Mr. Jackson's case [369] appears to be extremely hard and as some of your Committee are doubtful whether this case comes within the Spirit of the Ordinance of this Board on that Subject they are of opinion that the petitioner ought to be relieved and they beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on payment of costs."

(signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Stevens
" Leonard Kip

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on petition of John Turner, reported:

"That they have enquired into the matters set forth in Mr. Tur-

ner's petition, and as this appears to be the first instance in which the petitioner has offended against this Ordinance they are of opinion that he ought to be relieved and they beg leave to recommend the following resolution:

"Resolved that the prayer of the petitioner be granted on payment of costs."

which was approved & the resolution agreed to.

[370] The Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward on the petition of James Hunt, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the 9th Wood District commence at the West end of the Dey Street pier and continue along the North Side of Said pier to the Bulkhead of West Street and to continue north along said Bulkhead until it meets Fulton Street pier—The 10th District to include both sides of the Fulton Street pier."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Leonard Kip.

which was approved & the resolution agreed to.

A Law to amend the Law to regulate the digging of Vaults and the construction of Cisterns in the Streets was presented, read & passed.

On motion, Resolved that it be referred to the Police Committee to consider and report as to the propriety and necessity of continuing to employ a Marshall to attend the Justices' Court at the expence of this Corporation.

On Motion of Mr. Stevens—Resolved that Cadwallader D. Colden Esqr. Mayor of the City [371] be requested to sit for his portrait for the Common Council and that the same be taken under the direction of the Committee on public Offices and be when completed placed in the Picture Gallery in the City Hall.

A Resolution that the Street Commissioner be authorised to fill up part of Herring Street and the Intersection of Asylum and Bank Streets was referred to the Street Committee to report.

Mr. Akerly presented a Resolution directing the Market Committee to enquire into the conduct of Samuel Gibbons Butcher in the lower Fly Market whose son attending the Stand in said Market is habitually abusive and offensive in his conduct—which was read and referred to the Market Committee to act in the premises.

Alderman Munson presented a Resolution which *which* was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature. The subject of said Resolution was to direct the Committee of Applications

to consider and report on the expediency of an Application to the Legislature for a Law to change the time prescribed in the Charter for electing the Chamberlain or City Treasurer.

[372] This being the period prescribed by Charter for the election of Chamberlain or City Treasurer the Board proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that Office, when on counting the ballots it appeared that Whitehead Fish Esqr. was duly reelected to that Office for the ensuing year. Whereupon the Clerk was directed to inform him of his appointment and to give the Sureties required by law, the same to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Chairman of the Committee of Finance.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Tresury 23d instant	$34.39	
Recd for Rents	1946.56	
" " Tax of 1818—8th Ward	500.	
" " Arrears of Tax	200.	
" " Common Lands	2302.01	
" " Streets	1640.14	= 6623.10

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton—Watch 1st Dist	1118.25
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.
Wm J. Waldron—Ast City Inspr 1 mo. 1 Dec	50.
Obadh Ayres— do. do.	50.
Saml Hutchings St. Inspr do.	50.
Jonathan Weeden— do. do.	50.
[373] Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 mo. 1 Dec	60.
Abm. Brevoort—Bread Inspt 1 qr. 21st Nov	94.30
Jno. Richardson—Attends Justices' Court—1 qr. 1 Dec	57.75
George Bowen—Carriage hire for St. Comee	5.
Geo. Snethen—Supg & lights Lamps—1 mo. 1 Dec	809.15
R. Stephens—Ast Clerk police 1 qr. 26th Nov	225.
Jno. Mullanphy—1 qr. rent Whf. Courtland St. 1 Nov	75.
Jno. Carlton—act. builds Engine houses Rose St	1000.
Robt. Pettigrew—on act Well in Duane St	52.
Petr Debaum—on act regg Hudson St	617.88
Jas. Meghan—on act pavg Vestry St	200.
Jno. Stanley—on act—pavg Crosby St	200.
Jas. Pinkerton on act. pavg Jacob St	200.
P. Parcells—on act regulating Washington St. from Christopher to Bank St	200.
Jas. Meghan—act pavg Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St	200.
Terce Tiffany—on act regulatg Sheriff St	100.

Chs. Mooney—taking up pavets at Albany basin.....	85.75	
(error) Jas. Meghan—act. pavg Greenwich St.....		
Jas. Meghan—pavg Sidewalks. Elizabeth St Lien on Lot...	21.01	6616.59
	Balance	$6.51

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[374] In Common Council Dec. 7. 1818

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had been requested by George Caines Esqr. to represent to the Board that he was desirous of receiving the countenance of the Board on the subject of lighting the City with Gas Light, wishing a Committee to be appointed to whom he might communicate his ideas on the subject—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[375] His Honor the Mayor reported the Calender of persons confined in the City Prison which had been furnished to him by the Keeper and stated that it did not require any particular observations from him: he would merely observe that it was creditable to the Morals of the Community as the offences mentioned in the Calender were all of minor degree.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

A petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum, stating that a sale was made at Auction of Fourteen Lots of ground on Norfolk Street assessed for Taxes as the property of Dr. Nicholas Romaine; that at the time of Sale Seven were the property of J. J. Astor and Seven of William Cutting; and requesting Two Separate Certificates to be given to J. J. Astor for 7 Lots and one to S. Ludlum for 7 Lots who was the purchaser of the said Seven Lots belonging to

William Cutting—Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller & Street Commissioner.

A petition of Henry Ward stating that he had been assessed for personal Tax in the First Ward & had paid the same; that he has also been Assessed in the Second Ward, and praying relief therefrom —was re- [376] ferred to the Comptroller to report.

A Petition of John Harriot for Stall No. 55 Fly Market—of James Weeden for Stall No. 55 or 57 same market: of Maria Manolt for continuance to her of Stall No. 57 owned by her husband now absent from the City on business, and of Samuel Weeks praying that Stall No. 55 Fly Market owned by his son who has left the City may be continued to him for One year—whereupon the same were referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of John Jacob Astor was received—stating that he had been assessed on Thirty one Lots of ground in the 7th ward lying on the West Side of Montgomery Street and running from Division to Lombardy Street and without examining into his Title has paid the Taxes thereon from 1812 to 1817—that he has recently discovered that but Thirteen of said Lots belong to him and praying to be refunded the money erroneously paid with interest thereon—whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Edward and Wm M. Hitchcock [377] Contractors for the Streets was received Stating that Some complaints have been made to the Attorney respecting the cleaning of the Streets which were, on receiving notice of them, immediately attended to; that, as the system on which they acted was a new one and considered in some measure as an experiment, some few omissions were to be expected: they therefore hoped the Common Council would remit the penalties should any have occurred—which was referred to the Committee on Streets.

A Communication was received from the Weighmaster General which was read and laid for consideration.

The following persons were appointed Fire Wardens & Firemen (the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:)

"Fire Warden of the First Ward."

Henry Rankin Grocer No. 3 Carlisle St. 1st ward vice Francis Cooper Removed

"Fire Warden of the 4th ward."

Eldad Holmes grocer 65 James Street 4th ward vice John P. Anthony Resigned

"Hook and Ladder Company No. 3."

Jno. Delamater Carpenter Vandam St. 8th ward vice George Smith Resigned.

Thomas Morgan Chair-maker Thompson St. 8th Ward vice P. P. Roome, Resigned.

[378] "Hook & Ladder Company No. 4."

Abraham Florentine Carpenter 4 Birmingham St. 7 wd vice Charles Morrell Resigned.

"Fire Engine Companies."

Number 6.

James Dobson Tinplater Vesey St. 3d ward vice Oliver A. White, Resigned

No. 11.

James Bloomer Mercht. 30 Water St. 1 ward vice Eli Traver Resigned

No. 12.

Wm Burras. Cabinet Maker 233 William 4 ward vice Peter Van Cott Resigned

Jacob Van Nostand Carpenter 1 Oliver St. 4 ward vice Benajah Strong Removed

Ebenezer Liddle, Chairgilder 233 William 4 ward vice James Turner Removed.

No. 33.

L. DeCoudris, Brass Founder, Cherry St. 7 ward—vice Thomas Price Removed

No. 34.

James Mills, Stone Cutter, Downing St. 8 ward—vice Philo Lewis Resigned

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances as follow—which Ordinances were passed:

1.	[379] G. Haight E. Tucker	Own. Occ.	80	Chrystie St.	Lot
2.	James Farrell Jno. P. Certain	Les. Occ.	93	Hester	Privy
3	Mrs. Duffy Jas. Howell	Own. Occ.	190	do.	do
4	Mrs. Duffy Mrs. Gardner	Own. Occ.	61	Eldridge	do.

5	Mrs. S. Ferris	Own. & Occ		Grand & Forsythe	Privy
6	W. M. Somers	do. do.		do.	do.
7	D. Rapelye	Own.		Grand c. Chrystie	
	T. Lecount	Occ.		Sts	do.
8	H. Singer	Les. & Occ.	67	Forsythe St.	do.
9	Widow Shatzel	Own.	75	do.	do
	Silas Comb	Occ.			
10	Widow C. Cox	Own.	80	do	do
	S. Churchill & H. Streets	Occ.			
11	Enoch Hoyt.	Own. & Oc.	85	do.	do
12	Mrs. Spicer	do. do.	77	Chrystie St.	do.
13	G. Haight	Own.	80	do.	do
	E. Tucker	Occ.			
14	Hicks & Titus	Own.	87	do.	do
	D. Bogert & D. Tibbits	Occ.			
15	R. Betts	Own.	88	do.	do
	J. Barker	Occ.			
16	[380] S. Purdy	Own.	89	do.	do
	Jno. Lent	Occ.			
17	Betsey Morris & Belinda Lucas	Les. & Oc.	93	do.	do
18	John Appleby	Own.	97	do.	do
	J. James & C. Wilson	Occ.			
19	R. Cochran	Own.	101	do.	do
	S. Johnston	Occ.			
20	R. Cochran	Own.	103.	do.	do
	Peter Tellon	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

A Communication was received from Dr. Stephen Brown and Dr. John J. Howe House Physician and Surgeon to the Bellevue Establishment stating the number of patients which they had to attend at that Establishment amounting in all to 261 persons, representing the various and laborious duties which they had to perform and requesting an increase of their Salary. Whereupon it was referred to the Alms' house Committee with a request that they would call upon Drs. Akerly and Drake the visiting Surgeon and Physician for information on the subject of said petition.

[381] The Counsel [presented] the Draught of a Lease of a Lot of ground in Grand Street near the Ferry to William Vail, which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented the Counterpart of the grant from the Corporation of Trinity Church for a Strip of ground adjoining the Market at Greenwich, which was directed to be duly executed.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication Stating that by the gale of wind on the night of the 5th instant near 600 feet of the Bulkhead at the Battery had been washed away and that the remaining part was so much decayed that probably the next Storm would entirely demolish it, and he recommended that measures Should be immediately taken to secure the same from farther injury. Whereupon it was referred to the following Committee to take such measures as they may deem necessary to secure the Battery from farther injury and to report at the next meeting the probable expence of the same—Viz. Aldermen Mesier Thorp Mr. Stevens Ald. Morss Ald. Taylor.

[382] The Street Commissioner presented Assessments for a Well and Pump in Willet Street and for one in Duane Street near Elm Street: also an Assessment for regulating Laurens Street from Spring Street to Amity Lane—which were confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were directed to issue to N. Jarvis the Collector to collect the same.

Viz. For a Well & Pump in Columbia Street
" do. do Cherry Street
" do. do. Cannon Street.
For regulating Bleecker Street
" regulating & paving Walker Street
" opening Henry Street.

The Comptroller, on the petition of Henry Gahn, reported:

"It appears from an examination of the Books and Minutes of the Corporation that a balance remained with the Treasurer in the year 1808 of $287.98. On the 30th May 1808 a Warrant passed in favor of John La Forgue [383] attorney of Ursule Eugenia Jouette, the Widow of Pierre Michael Magnan, heiress of one half of the Estate of the late Ursule Francaise Maillet, widow of Pierre Helaire Jouette, for $146.24.

"The 20th February 1815 a petition of Louis Matthias de Jouette by Stephen L. Falott his Attorney praying for a Moiety of the Estate of his Mother Ursula Mahiel de Jouette, who died Intestate in 1807, was referred to the Counsel and Chamberlain.

"On the 19th June following the Counsel and Chamberlain reported

that they are satisfied that the facts set forth in the petition are true and recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and a Warrant directed to issue for the amount $143.99 to be paid to the petitioner upon his executing Bonds of Indemnity to the Corporation as usual on the payment of distributive shares of Intestate Estates." This Report was approved and a Warrant ordered to issue. July 31. 1815 a Warrant passed in favor of L. de Jouette for $143.98 which appears to have been delivered to J. Zuntz.

"The above Statement of facts the Comptroller has taken the liberty of presenting to the Board, as the public Administrator with whom he was associated in the reference of Mr. Gahn's petition was in office subsequently to the transactions before mentioned.

[384] As the amount belonging to the Estate of Mrs. Jouette appears to have been regularly disposed of to the legal heirs and as the Two trunks of papers or any other effects alluded to in the petition are not in possession of any Officer of the Corporation nor is it known where they are no further order Seems necessary on the Subject."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be filed.

The Special Committee on the Subject of Weighmasters reported:

"That agreeably to a Resolution of this Board the Committee have had a meeting with Cornelius Ray, Robert Lenox, William Bayard and Preserved Fish Esqrs. a Committee appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to confer with the Committee from this Board and, after hearing the objections made by the Committee on behalf of the merchants, and having also investigated the subject with all the care and importance which its importance required, offer for the consideration of the Board the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Ordinance passed October 12th 1818 entitled an Ordinance to regulate Weigh- [385] masters be repealed from and after the 15th instant.

"Resolved that the number of Weighmasters in this City shall not exceed Twenty five and that no new appointment to that office shall be made until the number be reduced by resignation or otherwise to Fifteen."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" Stephen Allen
" G. Buckmaster
" E. W. King

The same having been read Alderman Taylor moved that the consideration thereof be postponed.

The question being taken thereon and a Division being called—the Members voted as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Underhill Morss Taylor Thorp Messrs. Westervelt Parker Akerly Board. 9.

Negative. Ald. Mesier King Van Amringe Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Allen. 9.

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—So the motion was lost. The question was then taken on agreeing [386] to the First Resolution proposed in the report and a Division having been called the Members voted as on the former question. The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his Vote in the Affirmative, so the Resolution was carried in the Affirmative.

The question was then taken on the Second Resolution and agreed to. Alderman Taylor gave notice that he would at the next meeting move for a reconsideration of the vote given. A motion was then made that the Committee on Weighmasters be directed to report at the next meeting a Tariff of Fees and Charges. It was moved that the consideration of that motion be postponed, which was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Assessments to whom were referred the petitions of Thomas C. Doremus and James La Tourette, reported:

"That they have Satisfactorily ascertained the matters Stated in the Said petitions respectively to be true and that the petitioner Doremus is not worth more than Two thousand Five hundred Dollars and that the other petitioner is *is* not worth to exceed Three thousand Dollars and that they have each been taxed the Sum of [387] Eighty Six dollars: That with respect to the former he was misled by having been assessed in the Third Ward the preceding year and now in the Second: and that the latter is a young man just established in business and was never before Assessed, and that neither of them was Seen by the Assessors or had any information in regard to the Tax until they were called on for payment.

"Your Committee are aware of the danger of interfering generally to give relief from Taxes regularly assessed but when cases of extreme hardship like the present occur where the Taxes imposed exceed all reasonable bounds and where a Satisfactory excuse is offered for not applying to the Assessors to get it rectified they consider the Common Council called upon by imperious duty to give relief, otherwise

embarrassments and even ruin might be the consequence to many. The duties of the Assessors are doubtless very arduous but it is to be regretted that *that* from the difficulties they meet with in ascertaining the amount of Individuals' personal property they are Sometimes induced to make an Estimate without any data and without seeing the party or giving him any intimation respecting it. Such, your Committee are well assured, was the case in both of these instances. Your Committee are therefore [388] of opinion that these cases ought to be considered as exceptions to the general rule and that the petitioners are justly entitled to relief, and to that end they offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Collector of Taxes of the Second Ward be authorised to receive from Thomas C. Doremus the Sum of Ten Dollars and Seventy five cents and from James La Tourette the Sum of Twelve Dollars & Ninety cents in full of their respective personal Tax for the present year."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" S. Parker
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Remonstrance of the Trustees of the Baptist and Methodist Churches, reported:

"That they have had the Subject under consideration, examined the Assessment complained of and have been attended by the Assessors who made it and heard their explanations in relation thereto—from all which it appears that the Said Churches respectively are owners in [389] fee of certain pieces of vacant ground in the vicinity of a Well and Pump lately placed in Second Avenue expressly appropriated as a burial ground, which have been assessed equal with other grounds in the neighbourhood for the expence of the said well and pump. The Assessors being under an impression that the grounds belonging to the Methodist Church might hereafter be improved by having a Church placed upon it, and that those belonging to the Baptist Church might be sold as building lots, and particularly the front part where no dead were yet interred, and anticipating those results conceived it their duty to assess those grounds in the same manner as if they had belonged to individuals.

"The act under which this Assessment was made directs that "the expence shall be estimated and assessed among all the owners or oc-

cupants of the houses and lots of ground intended to be benefitted thereby' from which it is evident that the assessors are bound to anticipate the erection of houses on vacant lots, when they can reasonably do so, and to assess them in the same manner as if the houses were already erected, but when a piece of ground is exclusively used as a Cemetery it is difficult to perceive how it can be benefitted by having a Well and pump near it.

[390] "The Legislature have exempted Churches and burial grounds from the payment of Taxes and the Supreme Court have strongly intimated that such property ought not to bear an equal proportion to that of individuals for the expence of improving and widening Streets. With what propriety then ought they to be assessed an equal ratio with private property for the expence of making Wells & pumps?

"With respect to Churches, in the opinion of your Committee it may not be improper to assess them a small proportion inasmuch as a Well and Pump in their vicinity may add to their safety in case of fire and afford facilities in cleansing them, but burial grounds as such cannot be benefitted and therefore in no case ought to bear any part of the expence. And as these cases frequently occur it is important that some general rule should be adopted by the Common Council to regulate such Assessments in future, and with a view to accomplish that object and relieve the petitioners your Committee offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that in future no grounds occupied exclusively as a Cemetery in this City shall be assessed for the expence of making any Well [391] or pump and that grounds occupied by any Church or place of Divine Worship shall only be liable to be assessed therefor in a ratio not exceeding one fourth as much as other property.

"Resolved that the Assessment for a Well and Pump in Second Avenue between First and North Streets be referred back to the Assessors for correction and revision and that the Clerk furnish them with a copy of the preceding Resolution."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" E. W. King
" S. Parker
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, on the proposition of Monsieur Monneron, reported:

"The petition of Mr. Monneron referred to the Committee of Arts

and Sciences has been under consideration. It proposes to erect upon the City Hall a Sun Dial and within the same a Clock with Two faces, one of which is to designate the true time and the other the mean time. The true time is that marked by the Sun's arrival at the meridian of any place, and Mr. Monneron proposes that one face of the clock should point this out [392] and announce it daily by the firing of a pistol to be discharged by the sun's rays concentrated by a lens. The other face will shew the mean or Clock time and thus point out the difference. The advantages held out by Mr. Manneron do not appear of sufficient magnitude to warrant the expence, wherefore your Committee cannot recommend the adoption of the plan and accordingly, offer for the adoption of the Board the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to adopt the plan and proposal of Mr. Monneron."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the memorial of Jacob Acker, reported:

"That Mr. Acker has presented to the examination of the Committee a graduated Instrument or Scale by which a Load of Fire Wood may be measured with great exactness & dispatch: and your Committee are of the opinion that said Instrument will be of great service in the [393] hands of the Inspectors of Firewood in ascertaining the Solid contents of a load of wood, whereby equal justice will be dispensed to the buyer and Seller. The solid contents of a Cart load of wood as determined by law should be 37 ft. 10 inches & $\frac{8}{12}$—but in some of the wood brought to Market it is so short that the buyer may lose from 4 to 10 Solid feet in a Load. This is to be remedied by the Inspectors, but for want of a Scale already calculated this is not done. The Instrument offered by Mr. Acker will meet the case and the Committee recommend that the Same be adopted and the Inspectors of Firewood be directed to furnish themselves with such a scale. Mr. Acker does not ask for any compensation, but the Committee in consideration of his attention and skill in calculating the graduation of this scale recommend that he be complimented with Twenty dollars—Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs, under the direction of Mr. Acker, make a neat and complete Instrument and scale for

the measurement of Fire Wood and that the Same be deposited in the office of the City Inspector as a Standard.

"Resolved that when so completed it shall be called Acker's Scale for the Measurement of Fire- [394] Wood and that the City Inspector be directed to inform the several Inspectors of Fire Wood that they must furnish themselves with an Instrument according to the Standard Model and that they must measure Fire Wood by the scale thereon.

"Resolved that a Warrant pass for 20 dollars in favor of Jacob Acker for his ingenuity and Skill in calculating the Scale for the aforesaid Instrument."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King.

whereupon the first two resolutions were agreed to and the last Resolution laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the communication of Henry & G. Barclay, reported:

"That the petitioners propose to make the Jail and Bridewell conform in appearance to the front of the City Hall by covering those buildings with Parker's Roman Cement of a Similar Colour. Your Committee consider the project as an unnecessary expence inasmuch as in all [395] probability these buildings will not remain long in their present location—They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the offer of Messrs. Barclay to face the Jail and Bridewell with Parker's Roman Cement be not accepted."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, on the petition of John Kenrick, reported:

"That he has invented a Machine for Submarine ploughing which he imagines will be usefully applied in removing the Bar at Sandy Hook and thus improve the navigable communication with New York. Mr. Kenrick offers for One hundred thousand dollars to cut a channel thro' the Bar Ten rods wide and four fathoms deep from high water and then to give the Corporation the use of his said invention forever to be applied to the same use if the channel should again fill up. The Committee of Arts and Sciences have had this communication before

them and consider the [396] proposal a wild project and at any rate if practicable at this time inexpedient. Therefore

"Resolved that Mr. John Kenrick have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

The same Committee, on the petition of Francis Mezzara, reported:

"The preceding Communication referred to the Committee of Arts & Sciences appears to be a complaint addressed to the Mayor in bad French in relation to a fine imposed upon one Francis Mezzara in the Mayor's Court and as it was not intended for the Corporation—Therefore

"Resolved that he have leave to withdraw his complaint."

(signed) Saml. Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss
" E. W. King

which was approved and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[397] The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Chamber of Commerce requesting the co-operation of the Common Council in an application to the Legislature on the subject of Wheat and Flour, reported:

"That your Committee have conferred with several other Committees on this subject and have with them agreed to present the Memorial and Bill herewith submitted to the next Legislature for their adoption and your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Corporation will concur in applying to the Legislature for the passage of the above mentioned law and that the Seal be affixed to a suitable application to be prepared and submitted by the next meeting of the Board."

(signed) P. Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson
" Geo. B. Thorp
" D. Board.

which was approved and the Counsel directed to report a Memorial agreeably to said Report and Resolution

Mr. Stevens presented a Resolution for rescinding [398] the Resolution of the 5th of October last directing the Assessors for valuing the ground at the New Market to assess a portion of the expence on property supposed to be benefitted—which being read was laid for further consideration.

This being the period, agreeably to the Charter, for the appointment of High Constable, His Honor the Mayor was pleased to appoint to that office Mr. Jacob Hays who took & subscribed the oaths prescribed by the Charter and the Laws.

A Member stating that he had confidential matters to communicate it was moved that the Lobby be cleared and the Doors closed. Previous thereto Alderman Mesier moved that it be considered as a standing rule that whenever the doors are directed to be closed that all persons retire excepting the Members and the Clerk of the Common Council.

A Letter was received from*

[399] The Doors were again opened.

A proposition of Alderman Taylor to direct a Warrant to issue to Peter Debaum for payment of balance due to him for regulating Hudson Street was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Comptroller Reported:—

Balance in Treasury—Nov. 30	$6.51	
Recd for Tax 1818—2d, 6th, 7th 9th wards	4200.	
" " Streets	2200.	6406.51

Accounts Audited

Wm B. Cozens—Dinner 25th November	976.	
Matthw Crosby—28 Casks Oil	1132.32	
Jas Meghan—repairg Intersections	34.11	
W. Fish—Treasurer—to pay Commissioners Common Schools—City proportion for 1818—on account	4250.	
		6392.43
Balance		$14.08

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

* Remainder of report not entered.—ED.

[400] In Common Council Dec. 14. 1818

Present. Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder—President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Jno. P. Anthony
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
Geo. Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingm Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

petitions from R. Murden, David Banks & Benjamin G. Jansen for appointment of printer to the Corporation were presented & read

A petition of Henry Wright for appointment of Measurer of grain was read and the prayer thereof granted and petitioner appointed a Measurer of grain.

[401] A Petition of Elihu H. De Camp was received stating that having been appointed a Weighmaster by the Board but not finding so much employment as he expected he would be desirous of receiving an Appointment as Guager and would resign the appointment of Weighmaster. Whereupon his resignation as Weighmaster was accepted and he was appointed to the office of City Guager.

A petition of Hassel Wheeler for Stall No. 35 Fly Market was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Thomas Ludlow and Gulian Ludlow stating that the Commissioners of Estimate for extending the Sixth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to Carmine Street intend presenting their report to the Supreme Court in January term: that there is a large quantity of earth on said Avenue which will be surplus and required to be removed, and praying that that part which runs thro' their ground instead of taking the said surplus at a price to be determined by the Commissioners they may be permitted to remove the same after the Assessment is confirmed—Whereupon the same being read was referred to the Road Committee.

[402] A petition of Benjamin Hills praying payment on his Contract for filling in Basin between Fulton and Dey Streets—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of John Hanning, Lessee of the School Room over the

Watch house in Spring Street, praying the same may be rented to him for the ensuing year, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Samuel Leggett praying that the opening of Dover Street may be commenced as soon as public convenience will permit—was read and referred to the Counsel.

A Remonstrance of Bunnell Brown & others against exempting the Trustees of the Baptist Church and Methodist Church from the Assessment for the Well and Pump in the Second Avenue was read.

The Street Commissioner laid before the Board a corrected Assessment from the Assessors to whom the Assessment had been referred back for the Well & Pump in the 2d Avenue—which Assessment with the Remonstrance were referred [403] to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial subscribed by a considerable number of the Merchants of the City was presented stating that they understood that the late Law respecting Weighmasters was at the last meeting of the Board repealed, and that they were informed that a proposition was about to be made for its re-enactment, which they remonstrated against and hoped it would not be revived—which memorial was read and laid on the Table until the motion for the reconsideration of the vote at the last meeting should be made.

A Communication of very considerable length from Garritt Gilbert. Registrar of Deeds in the City and County of New York, on the subject of his office was received, stating a variety of gross inaccuracies in the keeping of the Records highly prejudicial to their character for accuracy. He also stated that the rooms assigned for the keeping of the Records was, from the increase of the Books, not sufficiently large to accommodate them. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee formerly appointed on the subject of forming a general Index of the Records of the City and County—Viz. Alderman King.

[404] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies

"Fire Engine Companies."

No. 22.

Thomas Benham—Brewer—44 Cheapside. 7th ward vice James Badgely—Fire Warden

No. 23.

Saml. Collins—Block Maker—9 Anthony St. 5 ward vice Thomas Ayres—Expelled.

No. 24.

Peter Baxter—Cabinet Maker—28 Cedar St. 1 ward—vice Jacob Duryea—Resigned

No. 39.

Edw^{d} P. Dunn—Account^{t} 55 Wall St. 1st Ward. vice W^{m} Hamilton—Removed

The Comptroller, on the petition of Adam Hill and Phœbe his Wife, Reported:—

"From the Testimony produced it appears that George Ward was the Brother of the said Phœbe and Chapin and that they are legally entitled each to one half of the sum paid into the Treasury which was $254.66. He accordingly recommends that a Warrant be ordered in favor of Adam Hill the husband of said Phœbe for $127.33 to be delivered [405] on security being given by him to the Corporation in such manner as the Counsel shall deem sufficient."

Respectfully Submitted

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

which was approved and a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto for $127.33.

The Counsel, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the subject of improving the Manufacture of Flour and to report a Memorial and Bill to the Legislature agreeably to said Report, presented a Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith, which were read and approved and the same directed to be duly authenticated.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Assessments which were confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector in the former and Noah Jarvis in the latter—Viz. For regulating & paving Roosevelt Street from Front to Oak Street and for paving Collect Street from Pearl to Leonard Street.

He also made a Communication stating that Houston, Bleecker, Mercer, Greene, Wooster and Laurens Streets have been regulated agreeably to Contracts, [406] that owing to their being filled up higher than the adjoining Lots the earth is continually washing away, and he made the statement that such measures might be adopted as the Board should judge advisable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which Ordinances were passed:—Viz.

1	D. Lynch Wm Lawrence	Own. Agt.	Collect St.	Lot.
2	Jno. Rogers Barnes	Own. Occ.	155 Greenwich St.	do.
3	Saml Borden F. Camerden Jos. Thompson	Own. Agt. Occ.	104 Orange St.	Privy.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

A Letter was received from Thomas Walton, one of the Captains of the City Watch resigning on account of his state of health his appointment as Captain of the First District and tendering to the Common Council his [407] thanks for the favor conferred on him by the appointment. Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

The Board then proceeded to elect a person to fill the vacancy, when Henry Leake was appointed Captain and Abraham Blauvelt was appointed Assistant in the place of Henry Leake appointed Captain.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of John Jacob Astor, Reported:

"That with a view to grant relief to the petitioner, provided it could be done consistent with their duty to the public, and believing the case of Mr. Astor to be novel and unprecedented, they have given the subject due consideration and in hopes of finding some provision by which the property might be made liable for the Taxes thus paid they have examined the several statutes of the state but have found no clause that will apply to this particular case. The only clause which appears to have any bearing on the subject is the 10th section of the act for the assessment and collection of Taxes which authorises persons in possession of Real Estate, the taxes of which [408] ought to be paid by any other person, to pay the same and to recover from those who ought to have paid and creates a lien on the property for the amount, but as the lots alluded to were vacant and not in the actual possession of Mr. Astor it is a question in the minds of the Committee whether he has any claim whatever by which he can recover. The Corporation agreeably to statute have a Lien on real Estate until the tax is paid—the taxes being paid their lien ceases and cannot be renewed by a refunding of the money: it follows therefore

that relief cannot be granted Mr. Astor without a total loss to the Corporation, which in the opinion of the Committee ought not to be expected on his part or authorized as a precedent on theirs, inasmuch as he had it within his power to correct the error of the Assessors either by examining the Books previous to their being returned to the Supervisors or on the demand for the Collector of the Tax—and although it may appear hard for him to pay the taxes on the property of others, it would be [409] equally hard on the Corporation to refund him a sum which by his act they are prevented from collecting where it ought to be sought for. The Committee therefore propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition of John Jacob Astor hereunto annexed."

(signed)	Stephen Allen
"	Samuel Akerly
"	W. F. Van Amringe
"	Reuben Munson
"	Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Market Committee, on the petition of John Varick to be appointed Deputy Clerk to sundry markets, reported in his favor and presented the following Resolution which was agreed to—Viz—"Resolved that John Varick be appointed Deputy Clerk of Duane, Greenwich, Centre, Essex and Gouverneur Markets." And on motion of Alderman Buckmaster it was Resolved that the market lately erected in the Centre of Grand and Essex Streets be known by the name of the Essex Market.

[410] The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the injury done to the Battery by the last storm, presented a report which was read and the further consideration postponed and it was made the order of the day at the next meeting on Monday: The Committee were requested to report as to the Title of the Corporation to the ground under water which will be required for the proposed extension and whether a re-cession of that part of the Battery now held by the United States can be obtained.

Alderman Taylor, agreeably to the notice given at the last meeting that he would move to reconsider the vote given on the repeal of the Law respecting Weighmasters, now made a motion to that effect. The

question being taken on the reconsideration and a Division having been called it passed in the negative as follows:—

Negative Aldn. Mesier King Van Amringe Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Bolton Stephens Anthony Allen

Affirmative Ald. Underhill Morss McQueen Taylor Thorp Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin

[411] Mr. Allen moved that the Report of the Committee on the subject of Applications to the Legislature which had been laid for consideration be now taken up. On the question for agreeing to the same it passed in the negative. It was then moved that Two members be added to that Committee which was agreed to. It was then moved that they be appointed by ballot which was also agreed to. The Board then proceeded to ballot for Two persons to be added to said Committee—when Aldermen Mesier and Van Amringe were chosen.

The several Applications before the Board for the appointment of printer to the Corporation were called up and read. The Board then proceeded to ballot for a person to fill that office when Mr. Noah was chosen. Alderman Munson then presented the following Resolution which was agreed to:—"Resolved that M. M. Noah be and he is hereby appointed printer to the Corporation and that all their printing be given to him while he may so continue their printer.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel relative to the decision [412] of the Supreme Court in an application to them by the Board for a Mandamus to compel the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon a Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Board in a proceeding then pending before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip on the East River to public purposes, presented a Report. It was moved to refer the same to the Counsel with authority to associate other Counsel with him on the subject. The question being taken thereon and a Division being called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative. Ald. Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Ald. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Kip Parker.

[413] The following was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Deed to Elbert Anderson for the gore of ground on Chamber Street sold to him for Two hundred dollars the rent now reserved to be attached to Lots Nos. 11 and

12 fronting on Chatham Street under lease of which this gore was formerly the rear part.

Mr. Allen presented the following which was agreed to

"Resolved that the Comptroller prepare and have executed a Bond to the Mechanc[i]cs' Bank of this City for the amount of interest due that Institution on money loaned the Corporation, bearing an Interest of 6 per cent from 1st January next and payable in one year—amount $16,167.05.

The following Resolution was presented & agreed to

"Resolved that the Committee on applications to the Legislature be and they are hereby instructed to enquire into the expediency of applying to the Legislature at their next Session for permission to tax the Fire Insurance offices in this City the whole or a proportion, and, if a proportion what part of the monies expended by this Board annually in the Fire Department of this City.

[414] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 7th instant	$14.08	
Received for Rents	1457.24	
" " Tax 1818 First Ward	5500.	
" " Common Lands	5811.44	
" " Streets	1843.40	
" " Wells and Pumps	130.	14,756.16

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Walton Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	413.
Anderson & Walton—Error in account 30th November 1st District	24.50
C. D. Colden—Mayor—One quarter salary 2d December	1750.
George Cuming—City Inspector—One quarter 28th November	312.50
Ogden Edwards—Counsel—1 qr. 27 Nov.	125.
Philip Becanon—Inspector of Bread—one quarter 10th December	96.30
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field—one month 1st December	45.
Lewis & Hall—adverts Arrears of Tax in Commercial	108.
Lewis & Hall—adverts for Street Commissioner in Commercial	74.25
[415] N. Phillips—advertising for Street Commissioner in the Advocate	74.25
Columbian Office—Advertising for St Comr.	47.25
John Ritchie making Cartridges for Artillery 25th November	96.21

Danl Dougherty—Witness at Sessions ordered 7th instant by Court	30.	
G. Gilbert—registering 5 Deeds and 1 Mortgage	10.12	
James Warner—Special Justice—1 quarter's Salary 26 November	187.50	
James Hopson—Special Justice—1 quarter Salary 26 November	187.50	
Charles Christian—Special Justice—1 quarter Salary 26 November	187.50	
Bernard O'Blenis—Clerk of Police—1 quarter 26th November	250.	
J. Hays. Officers extra Service Police 1 qr. 26th November	96.41	
J. Hays—for Officers conveying prisoners to Penitentiary—1 qr. 26 Nov	85.50	
Stephn Ludlum—Award for Henry St	512.05	
Chs. Mooney—act paving Water St	200.	
Jas. Pinkerton do. Frankfort St	200.	
Chs. Mooney— do Pine St	200.	
Chs. Mooney do Depeyster St	200.	
[416] P. Parcells—act *ycgg* [regs] Washington St	100.	
Tercc Tiffany— do. Willet St	100.	
Abisha Smith act Curbs Washington St. from Le Roy to Hammond St	100.	
R. Pettigrew—balce Well in Duane St	52.	
Jno. Gallagher do. Willet St	39.24	
Thos. Barnum—Superintends Wharves—24 days to 13 December	48.	
Jas. Vincent—Balance for Earth from Barrow to Charlton St.	253.67	
J. McComb—St Comr to pay removs earth from Greenwich Mkt. to Charlton Block	500.	
J. McComb—act Repairs of Roads	300.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Repairs	500.	
do Reprs to Lamps in Novr	120.	
W. Fish Tresurer—to pay the Commissioners of Common Schools City proportion for 1818—Balance	1232.06	
Richd Furman Supt of Alms house	4000.	14,733. 6
	Balance	$23.10

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock

[417] In Common Council Dec. 21. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

A Letter was received from his Excellency Daniel D. Tompkins stating that he understands the Corporation have it in contemplation to extend the Battery from Castle Clinton to the West Pier or Pier No. 1: that he begged leave thus early to state that if such improvement was made he was ready to relinquish his interest in [418] the Lease on the West side of the pier without any deduction of the rent reserved by the Corporation therefor, in the hope however that the present Boat House might be permitted to remain which would be ornamented at his own expence. Whereupon the subject was referred to the Battery Committee.

A Memorial was presented from the Mechanics Bank in the City of New York stating that they have become owners of certain lots or parcels of ground on which there is an annual Quit rent payable to the Corporation and praying they may be permitted to commute for the same by advancing such sum of money as shall be deemed just and reasonable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A memorial was presented from Brigadier General H. G. Stevens in behalf of the first Brigade of State Artillery stating that they consider the Militia law passed at the Last Session of the Legislature as extremely injurious to their Corps: that [419] they propose presenting a memorial to the Legislature on the subject, which they presented with the petition and they requested the sanction of the Common Council to said Memorial to the Legislature—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A memorial from sundry Inhabitants was received, praying that in opening the Street from Beekman Street to Water Street the north-

easterly line thereof may be straight from the corner of Beekman and Pearl to Water Street so as to take part of the premises of Walter Bowne fronting on Pearl Street. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Ward with a request that they would negociate with the owners so as to learn the expence attending the improvement and to report the same to the Board.

A petition of Gilbert Davis praying remission of fine incurred under the Tavern Law was read & granted on payment of costs incurred.

A Petition was received from Philip Earle stating that he is owner of the Land at the Weehawk [420] Ferry: that he is desirous of establishing a regular and convenient Ferry at that place and therefore solicited that the right of Ferriage may be granted to him for a term of years—which was referred to the Ferry Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication on the subject of keeping the Walks around the public buildings clean which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Places.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of the Sixth Ward."

James Dubois House Carpenter 51 Mott St. 6 ward vice John Ackerman Removed

"Fire Engine Company No. 28"

John Vanderhoof Shoe Maker Elizabeth n. Spring 8 w^{d} vice Henry M^{c}Guire Resigned

William Stanton Cartman 239 Church 5 ward vice Isaac Vians Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 38"

John Culbert grocer Rose hill 9th ward vice A. B. Jackson. Resigned.

[421] The Chief Engineer presented a report accompanied by the annual return of the state of the Engines and Implements which report was as follows:

"The Chief Engineer respectfully reports that he has carefully inspected the various branches of the Fire Department and herewith presents his annual return with the names of the Engineers, Foremen and Firemen, their places of abode, occupation &c. also the places of deposit of the respective Machines, whereby it will appear that there are Forty one Engines in good order, one Floating Engine in poor

order, Four Engines in ordinary, Four Hook & Ladder Trucks one Hose Waggon, Nine thousand and fifty four feet of good Hose, Fifteen hundred and fifty six feet ordinary, Eleven hundred and fifty five feet ditto bad, making in the whole, including three hundred and fifty five feet of spare hose, Twelve thousand one hundred and twenty feet Also Four hundred and nine Fire Buckets in good order, seventy two ditto broken in the whole Four hundred and eighty one: also Sixteen Ladders, Twenty Hooks, one machine for throwing down chimnies and one Copper Pump. The total number of men belonging to the Fire Department [422] when the companies are full, including the Engineers and Fire Wardens, is Twelve hundred and eighty three. By direction of the Board there has this year been built one Engine for Company No. 24 and Two others are now building, one for No. 12 and one other in lieu of the Floating Engine. He also reports that the present situation of Engine House No. 27 is such as renders it very difficult to remove the machine therefrom."

(signed) Thos. Franklin
Chief Engineer

Whereupon the Return was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department and Chief Engineer with authority to cause such number of the annual Return to be printed as they shall judge expedient.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed.

1	Richard Turner	Own. & Occ.	Arundel St.		Privy
2	S. Baxter	Own	32	Leonard St.	do
	T. Wi[n]ant and Jno. H. Jobes	Occ.			
3.	Geo. Downey	Own & Occ	47	Orchard St	do
4	[423] Geo. Downey	Own.	49	do	do
	R. Hubbard	Occ.			
5	G. Enirits	Own.	42½	Ludlow St.	do
	H. Leek & J Coran	Occ.			
6	Anna Thorne	Own.	44.	do	do
	A. Wetmore	Occ.			
7	J. Waldron	Own.	54	do	do
	T. Bigford and A. Van Tassel	Occ.			
8	Jas. Palmer	Own & Occ	13	Suffolk Street	do
9	do.	Own.	19	do	do
	E. Dean	Occ.			

10	T. Gibbons	Own.	31	Suffolk Street	Privy
	P. Tice	Occ			
11	Wm Hall	Own	53	Allen Street	do
	H. Wayman	Occ..			
12	Widow Brane	Own.	56	do	do
	S. Southall	Occ.			
13	Wm Hall	Own.	57	do	do
	J. Townsend	Occ			
14	Wm Slam	Own	67.	do	do
	A. Batts	Occ.			
15	Saml Farrow	Own	69.	do.	do
	H. Saunders & Joshua Adams	Oc			
16	Lewis Rose	Les. & Occ.	27	Essex Street	do
17	[424] M. King	Own. & Occ.	36	do	do
18	Widow McKinney	Own.	37	do	do
	James George	Occ.			
19	Widow Roe	Own.	38.	do	do
	Lemuel Price	Occ.			
20	Daniel Lambert	Own.	44.	do	do.
	John Post	Occ.			
21	Jas. Riddell	Own.	167	Grand St.	do
	Jas. Dobbins	Agt.			
	D. S. Woodruff	Occ.			
22	Jas. Riddell	Own	169	do.	do
	Jas. Dobbin	Agt.			
	Isaac Ramson	Occ.			
23	M. Kelly	Own. & Occ.	171	do	do
24	J. Fash	do do.	173	do	do
25	Jno. J. Astor	Own	Grand c. Ludlow		do
	J. Feeks	Occ			
26	Saml Howell	Own. & Occ	21	Norfolk St.	do
27	Wm Few	Own.	23	do	do
	R. Platt	Occ.			
28	Abm Stagg	Own.	29	do	do
	T. Hughes & W. Lawrence	Occ.			
29	S. Legget	Own.	31	do	do
	Robert Baker	Occ			
30	Jas. M. Smith	Own. & Occ.	Norfolk c. Grand Sts.		do

(signed) Geo. Cuming. C. Inspector

[425] The Comptroller and Street Commissioner, on the petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum reported: as follows:

"The Street Commissioner and Comptroller respectfully report on the petition of John Jacob Astor and Stephen Ludlum, requesting Two separate Certificates Viz. One for seven lots to Mr. Astor and the other seven Lots to Mr. Ludlum the said 14 Lots of ground in the Tenth Ward on Norfolk Street were assessed to Dr. Nicholas Romayne deceased for payment of Arrears of Tax together with interest, costs & charges thereon.

"On a minute investigation of the subject it appears that as the property was sold in one Lot the Common Council have no legal power to alter the sale by a division thereof or to apportion the value of the lots among different owners. The petitioners can pass the necessary conveyances between themselves without the interference of the Corporation, and any change in the deeds, other than to the original purchaser, might subject the Board to embarrassment It is therefore respectfully recommended that the request of the petitioners ought not to be granted."

(signed) J. M^cComb St. Com^r
" G N. Bleecker. Comp.

which was read and ordered to be filed.

[426] The Finance Committee on the petition of John Hanning requesting an extension of his Lease for the School Room in Spring Street to the 1st of May 1819, reported:

"That Mr. Hanning rented the said school Room from the Corporation for One year from the 1st of May last at 85 dollars, and that it appears from the signatures to a recommendation attached to his petition the said school has been conducted in a manner satisfactory to the neighbourhood and is a regular and respectable establishment. The Committee believing the present rent to be equitable and that there cannot be a better disposition of the property, recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

The Committee beg leave to include in this report an application made to them in behalf of Dr. Frederick Fowler for the School Room over the Engine Houses lately erected in Rose Street from the present time to the 1st of May next

"From the representations made to the Committee they are led to believe the character and acquirements of the applicant amply fit him for the performance of the duties of a [427] Teacher, and as the place is at present unoccupied they presume no objection can arise to granting his request. The Committee are informed, however, that by a

standing Resolution of the Board no property of the Corporation can be sold or leased except by public auction: they therefore recommend that so much of said Resolution as relates to the cases embraced in this report be rescinded and that the Board adopt the following Resolutions:

"Resolved—that the Resolution forbidding the sale or lease of Corporation property except by public sale be suspended so far as it relates to leasing the school Room in Spring Street from the 1st of May 1819 to the 1st of May 1820. and also so far as it relates to leasing the School room in Rose Street from the present time to 1st May 1819

"Resolved—that a Lease for the School Room in Spring Street be granted to John Hanning in extension of his present lease to the 1st day of May 1820, at the same rent and subject to the same covenants he now is under.

"Resolved that a Lease be granted to Dr. Frederick Fowler for the School Room in Rose Street from the present time to the 1st day of May 1819 at a rent of Fifty Dollars for the [428] whole term."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to

The Finance Committee reported:

"That the Block of ground between Dey and Fulton Streets at the North River is now in a situation to be sold, and as an early sale of said property will prove advantageous to the purchasers by permitting them to prepare for improving said ground at the opening of the ensuing Spring and will place some cash in the Treasury in return for the large sums expended for the purchase and filling of said Block which will be particularly grateful to the Finance Committee, they recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorized to sell at public auction, on such terms as in their opinion will be most to the interest of the Corporation the Block of ground, except Two lots, bounded by Dey, Fulton, Washington and West Streets, as laid down on the Map [429] of said property herewith presented.

"The Committee beg leave farther to represent that the Corporation owns a small Lot and Tenement No. 265 William Street the Lease of which will expire on the first day of May next and as the place

is considerably out of repair and will be subject to an annual expence unless sold or leased for a term of years, the Committee propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved. that the Finance Committee and Comptroller be authorised to lease at public auction the house and lot of ground belonging to the Corporation, known as No. 265 William Street, and that the same be leased on such terms as they shall deem meet."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Road Committee reported:

"That they have settled the accounts with the Overseer of Roads for the present year and are pleased to say that the present plan of making the Street Commissioner the Overseer is much better [430] than that formerly pursued. Your Committee herewith submit the expence of the Four last years. In 1815 & '16 the amount of monies paid for keeping the old Roads in repair was $7073.05. In the above Two years the Ninth Ward was divided into Two Districts and an Overseer to each. In 1817 & '18 the Street Commissioner was made the Overseer and the expences $3752.26 so that a saving is made of about One hundred per cent. Very few complaints have been made of the Roads—not as many as when the Two Overseers had charge of them."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Effingm Schieffelin
" David Board

which was directed to be filed.

The Report of the Special Committee on the Battery, which had been made the order of the day, was called up and read as follows:

"The Special Committee to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner on the subject of the injury done to the Battery by the late gale, beg leave in part to report: That they have viewed the [431] Battery and find the injury and destruction so great as to require a Barrier of some kind, to support the ground already made, from one extremity of the Battery to the other.

"They consider it advisable to construct this Barrier of Stone. A Bulkhead sunk in the usual manner would be less expensive than the

Stone Work contemplated, but when your Committee considered its perishable nature, particularly that part of it which is under water, and the desired permanency of the contemplated improvement and also its interest and consequence to the Inhabitants of your City they unanimously agreed to recommend the use of the most lasting materials.

"After your Committee had agreed in the above opinion they caused a Survey and Map to be made, not only of the Battery but of the water fronting the same from the pier at the extremity of South Street to the southern extremity of Washington Street, which accompanies this Report for the information of the Board.

"The next important question which presented itself to the consideration of your Committee was where they should recommend the placing or erecting of this Barrier.

[432] "The great expence of this improvement will consist in the erection of this Barrier. Your Committee think that it should therefore be carried out to such distance as considerably to increase the extent and add even to the advantages and beauty of this justly celebrated public promenade.

"By the map the Board will perceive that the Water fronting the Battery is generally shoal, even much more so than has usually been supposed, and that the Battery may without any injury to the Harbour be extended on an average of an hundred and twenty five feet. The average depth of water at this distance being not more at high water than Twelve feet. The distance on this line from the south line of the water conveyed to the United States to the pier at the extremity of South Street is Ten hundred and seventy feet and the distance between the United States North Line and Washington Street is Two hundred and twenty five feet. On this line forming a slight curve from the bridge of Castle Clinton until it approaches the South angle of the Battery, where the line becomes more circular and strikes the pier in [433] a direction with the East side of South Street, your Committee recommend the commencement of the improvement by throwing in stones until a ridge is formed up to low-water mark. The average height of this Ridge will be but eight feet and the expence of forming it will not exceed in the opinion of your Committee Seventeen thousand Dollars.

"Your Committee feel confident that the United States will unite and make their part of the ridge and other improvements which are necessary for the preservation of their property. Your Committee propose with the approbation of the Board to communicate with the proper Department of the General Government on the subject.

"Your Committee have had under consideration several plans for the improvement above low-water mark. One plan proposes a Wall with a face of hewen stone on an inclined plane of about Forty five degrees. Another proposes that the Wall be made of the same materials but with a perpendicular face: The Third that there should be no Wall, but the formation of a shore similar to nature with beach gravel filling up the interstices of the stones. Your Committee forbear at present expressing any opinion on these different plans; they [434] have not had sufficient time to make up an opinion as to this part of the subject.

"The best estimate which your Committee can make as to the expence of the whole of this improvement, including the filling in, is that it will not exceed an hundred and fifteen thousand dollars. They consider that it will be proper to apply to the Legislature for a law to tax this amount for this specific purpose in addition to the necessary amount required for the current expences of the City.

"Your Committee have directed a partial filling up with stone to prevent the farther destruction of the land already made. This expence will not exceed Twelve or Fifteen hundred dollars. Your Committee conclude their report by offering the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner, "after the first of March next," under the direction of this Committee, enter into Contracts for the delivery of the requisite quantity of stone to construct the Ridge mentioned in this Report and delineated on the accompanying Map."

(signed) Peter Mesier—Samuel Stevens—
" J. B. Taylor, G. B. Thorp—J. Morss

A Motion was made to postpone the consideration

[435] The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Akerly

Affirmative. Ald. Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin Allen.

A motion was made to insert after the words "Street Commissioner" the words "after the 1st of March next" which was agreed to and the Resolution as amended was then agreed to.

The Recorder presented a Resolution appropriating a blank sum of money for improving and extending the Battery, for obtaining and improving a suitable piece of ground at Corlaer's Hook for a public Walk or promenade and a piece of ground for a similar purpose near Fort Gansevoort, and that all sums to be raised beyond such specific

[436] appropriation should be assessed upon property contiguous and immediately benefitted by the appropriation. Whereupon the same was referred to the following Committee: Mr. Recorder Ald. Buckmaster Van Amringe Messrs. Kip Westervelt Akerly Allen

Mr. Allen presented the following Resolution.

"Resolved that application be made to the Legislature for a Law authorising the Corporation to ra[i]se by assessment the sum of Dollars for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the Battery and that the said sum be assessed by Commissioners appointed by the Corporation on the real estate in this City in proportion to the benefit and advantages to be derived by such estate from said improvement."

which being read was referred to the Committee on applications to the Legislature.

[437] The Counsel presented the following:

"The Counsel herewith respectfully submits to the Board for execution a Deed from the Corporation to Elbert Anderson for a Lot of ground fronting on Chamber Street, which has been drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board and instructions from the Comptroller. Also a Lease to Elbert Anderson and Theodorus Bailey for so much of Two Lots of ground as remained after extending Chamber Street, which has been drawn in pursuance of the award of the Arbitrator chosen by them and the Corporation."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

which was directed to be duly executed.

The Report of the Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature, which was laid for consideration, was called up and read as follows:

"The Special Committee on applications to the Legislature beg leave to report in part that they have had the several subjects referred to them under consideration and have concluded to recommend to the Board that they petition the Legislature for Laws to the following effect:

[438] 1. For authority to raise a revenue, to be applied to the support of foreign poor, by levying a tax on all descriptions of pleasure Carriages kept in this City—said Tax not to exceed in amount the rates fixed by the late law of the United States on that subject.

2. For authority to raise a revenue for the like purpose by laying and collecting a duty not to exceed per cent on the amount

of all goods, Wares and Merchandise sold by public auction in any of the streets or public places in this City, goods sold by distress and under execution excepted.

3. For authority to regulate and license all persons following the business of a Stock, Exchange or Money Broker and the Keepers of officers for the sale of Lottery Tickets in whole or in part, in this City, and to fix the amount per annum to be paid for such licence, provided the same shall not exceed Dollars.

4. For authority to appoint a Special Collector in this City to collect the tax imposed on the people called Quakers in lieu of Militia duty—and that the time for collecting the [439] same be extended to that allowed the several Collectors of Taxes for making their returns, and that the Collector be directed to pay the amount thus received to the Chamberlain of this City for the use of the poor thereof.

5. That the Fees of the Coroner for this City, for his view of every Body and taking and returning each inquest, be reduced from Ten to Five Dollars.

6. For an alteration in the Lamp and Watch District, as follows: Beginning at the North River, at a place called Decklyne's Ferry, a little to the Northward of the State Prison and running thence easterly in front of the new Bank houses to the road called Sandy hill road, and thro' the said road to the Northward of Potters' field and the house of William Neilson to Broadway, thro Broadway to Thirteenth Street and through Thirteenth Street to the East River, including the lots on both sides of the line thus designated.

"The Committee beg leave to close their report by offering the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare petitions together with Draughts of Laws on the foregoing subjects, except the first & last [440] Articles and that he lay the same before this Board preparatory to their being sent to the Legislature for their concurrence."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster

Whereupon the First Article was laid for consideration, the Sixth was referred to the Counsel and the Second, Third, Fourth & Fifth were agreed to. The Counsel was directed to prepare petitions together with draughts of laws on the foregoing subjects except the

First & last and lay the same before the Board preparatory to their being sent to the Legislature for their concurrence.

Alderman Taylor presented the following:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorized to have a bridge constructed across the Minetta Water in Fourth Street and that the expence thereof be included in the assessment for working said street."

which was agreed to.

Alderman King presented the following:

[441] "Resolved that the period allowed to Rodman Bowne, Lessee of the Catharine Slip Ferry, to build a second Team Boat to ply on that Ferry in consideration of an extension of his lease be extended to the 1st of May next."

Which was agreed to.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 14th instant	23.10	
Received Tax 1818—4th 5th & 9th Wards	6500.	
" Streets	1600.	8,123.10

Accounts Audited.

R. Graves. Ast St. Comr 1 qr. Saly 1 Nov	375.
Wm Raisbeck. New Watch Caps & repairg	166.
Ogden Edwards—Counsel. Draugts Laws &c	218.31
Evening Post—Subscription 9 months to 6th Oct. 1818 & extra advertising	169.87
Jno. Low—printing for Corporation 18th Nov. to 11th Decr 1818	43.25
Fine, See & Co. Carriage hire Road Com. &c	27.
James Meghan—Act pavg Greenwich St. from Christopher to Bank St	1000.
Pet. Debaum—balce regs Hudson St	1000.
P. Debaum—Act regs Greenwich St. from Christopher to Bank St	500.
[442] Jno. Bailey—Act paving Collect St. from Pearl to Leonard St	800.
Jno. Forbes & other Commissioners' fees for opening Anthony Street	550.
Jac. C. Mott & Associates—makg Sundry Assess	456.
Fredk Yeomans—on act regg Mercer St	350.
John Sloan— do. do. Wooster St	300.
do. do. do. Laurens St	200.
Chs. Mooney—on act. reg. & pav. Spring St	200.
Henr Van Pelt. inspect. & pav. Sundry Sts	184.24
Abm Kedney do. do. do.	219.65
Jas. Pinkerton bal. pavg Jacob St	157.94

Jas. C. Parshalls Award widens Spring St.....	50.	
David Clark—Timber for Reprs. Piers No. 2 & 4 East River	207.81	
Thos. McCready delivg Tickets—Earth at Charlton Street Basin 30 days.....	37.50	
Adam Hill—Moiety Estate Geo. Ward Intestate—paid into Treasury July 6. 1818. Ordered 14 December.....	127.33	
J. P. Roome—Supt Reprs. for Lamp posts.....	750.	8089.90
	Balance	$33.20

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

VOLUME THIRTY-SEVEN

OF

MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

DECEMBER 28, 1818 TO APRIL 19, 1819

[1] In Common Council Dec. 28. 1818.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
William F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A Petition of George Leviniss for Stall No. 22 Fly Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter from the Police Magistrates was received stating that at the request of some members of the Board they presented a statement on the subject of their compensation by which it would appear [2] that from the decrease of the business in the Police Office the salary at present allowed by the Corporation was not a sufficient compensation for the services of the Magistrates—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Daniel Codwise in behalf of James Codwise was presented stating that James Codwise now is and for Eighteen year past has been a Resident Burgher in the Island of St. Croix; that in August last he came to this City with his family for his health only and rented a house for a temporary accommodation; that he has since returned to his stated residence at St. Croix; that a few days before his r[de]parture he was called upon by the Collector of the Eighth Ward for Twenty one dollars fifty cents assessed on him for personal Tax; that not supposing himself subject to such Assessment he respectfully applied to the Board for relief—which being read was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition of Isaac Adriance to be permitted to take about 20 loads of sand from 125th Street to be replaced with coarse gravel was

read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th ward [3] with authority to grant the prayer of petitioners.

A petition of Charles McCarty was received stating that he is Lessee from the Corporation of a Lot at the corner of Cherry and Roosevelt Streets: that he has been Assessed $140 for paving and regulating the side walks: that on a former assessment upon said property the Corporation directed only a part of the assessment to be levied from him: he therefore requested the same rule might be applied in relation to the present assessment. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Petition from Noah Brown and others—owners of property in the vicinity of North Street, praying that on the opening of North Street it may be filled in and regulated as far South easterly as Lewis Street on Manhattan Island—was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Petition of Robert Allison requesting that there may be leased to him, out of the lots bounded by Fulton, Washington, Dey and West Streets now ordered by the Corporation to be sold, the ground between the Northwest corner of the most [4] Westerly Lot on Fulton Street and the Northwest corner of the most northerly lot on West Street—which being read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition for a Well and Pump in Rutger Street between Banker and Henry Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward to report an Ordinance therefor.

A Petition of James Clyde for permission to take clay out of Green Street, (which he has contracted to regulate) on condition of replacing the same with sand, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Eighth Ward with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

John O. Fox—Accountant—89 Water St. 1st Ward. vice Gabriel F. Mott—Resigned.

The Street Commissioner presented a profile of Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery to be furnished to the Commissioners of Estimate & [5] Assessment on widening Grand Street which was approved.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed—Viz.

1	Ann Sutliff	Own. & Occ.	176	Division St.	A privy
	J. L. Kip—Agent to Estate of Mr. Stokes.	Own.	15	Broad way.	do.
	Mary Taylor	Occ.			
3.	Robert Roberts	Own.	134	Grand St.	do
	D. Cooley	Occ			
4	Patrick Gillespie	Own.	136	do.	do
	Benj[a] Pell	Occ.			
5	Jno. Le Fevre	Own. & Occ.	140	do.	do
6	Widow Norris	do. do	142	do	do
7	John Palmer	do. do.	144	do	do
8	Thomas Thornell	Own.	150	do	do
	Oliver Edwards & B. Collins	Occ.			
9	Jas. Credick	Les. & Occ.	154	do	do
10	Thos. M[c]Cormick	do. do	158	do	do
11	W[m]Redstone	Own. & Occ.	168	do	do
12	do.	Own.	170	do	do
	G. Hunt	Occ.			
13	Joseph Marsh	Own.	174	do	do
	Jacob Day	Occ.			
14	[6] Lewis Rose	Own.	184	do	do
	John Peters	Occ.			
15	Widow A. Campbell	do	186	do	do
16	Ab[m] Marlett	Les. & Occ.	188	do	do
17	David Covert Trustee to S. C. S. & Sam[l] Loyd	Occ.	208	do	do
18	Geo. Riblets	Own. & Occ.	212	do	do.

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating Green Street from Houston to Bleecker Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented Returns of Delinquents on the following Assessments and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same—Viz

1. For regulating Houston Street:
2. For a Well & Pump in Mill Street
3. For do. & do Rivington Street.

The Committee on Laws, on the petition that the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets at the New Market in Spring Street be appointed a place of public Sale of goods by auction, reported the follow- [7] ing Resolution:

"Resolved that in cases of distress for rent or sales by virtue of an execution or any legal process permission is hereby given to sell the same at the corner of Spring and Greenwich Streets at the new market in Spring Street by public auction."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee of Charity, on the application of the Society for the promotion of Industry praying for aid from the Corporation, reported:

"That in discharging the duties imposed upon them by this reference they have visited the Rooms occupied by the Society as a House of Industry, have conversed with some of the Managers of the Institution and the people employed therein, and with other persons of respectability not connected with the Institution, and in short have sought information from every source where they thought it could be obtained; the result of all which has been a full conviction in your Committee that the Society for the promotion of Industry is an Institution highly beneficial to the community and worthy of public [8] patronage. Your Committee are aware that the rapid increase of public charities among us within a few years past is considered by many competent judges (and probably not without good reason) as a principal cause of the great increase of pauperism in our City. It does not appear to your Committee, however, that this Institution has the least tendency to lead to such a result; on the contrary is well calculated to, and really does correct this public evil and promotes habits of order and industry in exact proportion to the efficient means placed in their hands to act upon.

"In prosecuting their enquiries your Committee have satisfactorily ascertained that this Institution has already kept from the Alms House a number of persons who even at this early part of the winter would, without the aid afforded by the Society for the promotion of Industry, have become a public charge, and it is with peculiar pleasure they have learned that in many other instances persons who have heretofore applied to this Institution for work under the most pressing distress

and friendless have, by the disinterested aid and indefatigable zeal of the Managers, been provided with comfortable situations in respectable private families where their uniform good conduct and correct deportment have justi- [9] fied the expectations of the Guardians of this Institution.

"Your Committee have also ascertained that at the present moment the applicants for Work to the Society for the promotion of Industry are far more than they can (without pecuniary assistance) find employment for and that the number is daily increasing—and the Managers are under the painful necessity of refusing work to those who, there is too much reason to believe, after having sought in vain for employment throughout the City and being now unable to procure it from this last resort either apply to the Alms' house or become public beggars, or perhaps take to some other pursuit of a more corrupting & disgraceful tendency.

"From what your Committee have seen and ascertained in relation to the subject before them they do not hesitate to say that they believe the aid afforded by this Board to the Society for the promotion of Industry is, by the judicious management of that Institution, so much saved to the City in the prevention of pauperism, and they are of opinion that the prayer of the Memorialists ought to be granted. They beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the sum of Five hundred [10] Dollars be given by this Board to the Society for the promotion of Industry in this City for conducting the business of that Institution to be paid out of the first monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated."

(signed) Shivers Parker
" Thomas Bolton
" David Board

which was approved, the Resolution agreed to, and a Warrant directed to be reported agreeably thereto.

The Committee on Assessments, to whom was referred the Remonstrance of Burnal Brown and J. Hammond against the Assessment for a Well and pump in the Second Avenue near North Street, Reported:

"That they have carefully examined the Assessment for the Well and pump and are satisfied that the same has been fairly and impartially made, and that the petitioners have no reasonable ground of complaint in respect to it. Your Committee are also of opinion that the Assessors have made the Assessment which accompanies this Re-

port agreeable to the Resolution passed by the Common Council. Your Committee therefore recommend the following Resolution:

[11] "Resolved that the Assessment for the Well and Pump above said appears to be fair and equitable and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" E. W. King
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

Whereupon the assessment was confirmed and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector to collect the same.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution directing an enquiry into the expediency of petitioning the Legislature for the privilege of insuring against losses by fire, reported:

"That the Fire Engine Establishment now exclusively supported by the Corporation is very expensive to the City and that if we add to this a part of the expence of the City Watch and of lighting the City we shall find that the sums paid by the Corporation, which add to the security against fire and which are properly chargeable to this head, have become an enormous expence to the Community. It is therefore an object worthy the serious attention of the Board whether these expences can be met without recourse to the [12] continued increase of direct taxes.

"There is no doubt in the minds of your Committee that the privilege of insuring against fire, if granted to the Corporation, might be made to produce an income sufficient to meet all the future expences of the Fire Establishment. Your Committee think the Citizens would prefer effecting their Insurance in that establishment in which they were all interested and which would give the greatest security. If any money was made from the Citizens by Insurance with the Corporation it would be made for the Community at large. It would be to the Citizens at large a game in which if their property was destroyed they would win by recovering their insurance; if they paid their premiums without there being a loss the same would enure to their own advantage. The property of the Corporation would afford a security exceeding quadruple that of any office in the City which of course would be an additional inducement for a preference. And though the advantages above referred to would be derived by the Corporation from such a privilege yet your Committee would prefer to leave the business of Insurance to the Companies already

chartered or which may be hereafter chartered for this purpose, provided the [13] Legislature would pass a Law taxing these Companies such percentage of their profits as would produce to the Corporation the annual sum of Ten thousand dollars to be applied toward supporting the Fire Engine Establishment.

"This sum would bear about the proportion to the whole expence of the Fire Establishment that the property insured by these Companies bears to the whole exposed property in the City. Your Committee think that such a tax or rather Assessment on the property of these Companies is no more than reasonable and it will appear the more obviously so when we reflect that in many of the European Cities the Fire Insurance Companies bear all the expences of extinguishing fires.

"Your Committee therefore recommend to endeavour, in the first place, to get this proportion of the expences of the Fire Establishment assessed on the Fire Insurance Companies in the City: and as the consent of these Companies to the enactment of such a Law might contribute to the facility of its passage it is recommended that a Committee of this Board communicate with the Companies with a view to learn if they will add their concurrence to the passage of such a law.

Your Committee therefore recommend the [14] following Resolution.

"Resolved that the Committee on Insurance be directed to correspond with the different Fire Insurance Companies on the subject matter contained in the above report and report the same to the Board."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Stevens
" Reuben Munson
" Shivers Parker
" David Board

which was approved, the Resolution agreed to and the subject referred to the same Committee.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Memorial of the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank, reported:

"That by a Law of the Corporation all quit rents for grants issued prior to the year 1804, or the money for which such rents shall be commuted, and all rents arising from such *from such* of the said grants as shall not be commuted, are especially vested in the Commissioners

of the Sinking Fund for the reduction of the City Debt. The grants alluded to by the petitioners, however, are subsequent to that period and therefore cannot be [15] commuted for but by a special order of the Board.

"The Committee are of opinion that as the Corporation are indebted to the petitioners in several sums bearing an interest of Six per cent the operation of a Commutation of the aforesaid rents will simply be to lessen the amount of debt without any change of Income on the part of the Treasury. For instance—suppose the average amount of rent to be 360 Dollars: then the amount of principal, say 100 dollars for every Six, will be Six thousand dollars, and the Corporation will pay 360 dollars less per year to the Bank and receive that amount less on account of quit rent. With this brief view of the subject the Committee offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorised to commute with the President and Directors of the Mechanics' Bank for the quit rents reserved on land belonging to them, as more particularly described in their petition to this Board and that such commutation can be made on the usual terms."

(signed) S. Allen, W. F. Van Amringe
" R. Munson, S. Akerly
" P. Mesier.

The lands described in said petition were: viz

I. [16] A grant made to Swartwout of land now in the First Ward of this City subject to a quit rent forever of $41. Dollars 25 cents per year.

II. A grant to Lindsay of land adjoining the above subject to a rent forever of 41 dollars and 62 cents.

III. A grant to John R. Murray for land now in the Fifth Ward, on which there is reserved a quit rent from the 1st day of May 1810 to 1st of May 1824 of 82 dollars 81 cents, from 1st of May 1824 forever of 115 dollars 62 cents.

IV. A grant to John R. Murray for land in the Fifth Ward, on which there is a quit rent from 1st May 1815 to 1st May 1821 of 75 dollars 81 cents and from 1st May 1821 to 1st May 1828, 84 dollars 27 cents, & from 1st May 1828 forever of 134 dollars 82 cents

The said sums to be paid yearly.

Whereupon the foregoing Report of the Finance Committee on said petition was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[17] The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature reported that in addition to the subjects already reported on they would recommend certain others to the consideration of the Board in order that laws may be applied for accordingly.

The first Article proposed was as follows:

I. For authority to raise by Assessment on the real and personal estate in this City the sum of $ Dollars to be specially applied to defraying the expence of enlarging and repairing the Battery, and that said sum shall be apportioned by the Supervisors of the County for the time being among the several Wards of this City, as it respects the real property therein, according to the ratio of benefit and advantage to be derived from said improvement.

It was moved that the consideration thereof be postponed. The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Ald^{n} Mesier King Van Amringe Underhill Morss, Taylor Messrs Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony 10.

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald^{n} M^{c}Queen Buckmaster Munson Messrs Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Allen 9

Mr. Allen then presented a Resolution to be inserted [18] after the Word "City" and to strike out the rest. It was moved that the farther consideration of this article be postponed—which was agreed to.

The Second article was then read as follows:

II. For authority to enter on all property which shall have been or may be sold for arrears of Taxes or assessments, the term for which the same was sold having expired, and to hold the same and the rents, issues and profits thereof, until claimed by the rightful owner, who, before he shall be entitled to take possession, shall account to the Corporation for all improvements, taxes, assessments or other expences which may be justly due thereon—provided however that nothing herein contained shall prevent the full operation of the Statutes of limitation as in other cases."

On the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the affirmative and it was referred to the Counsel to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith.

It was then moved that the consideration of the 3^{d} article be postponed, which was agreed to.

The Special Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the petition of Brigadier General Stevens in behalf of

the [19] Officers of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery, Reported:

"That they have examined the Memorial to the Legislature, together with the amendatory act alluded to by the petitioners, and from the views of the subject taken by the Committee the amendments required are such as in their opinion are both reasonable and necessary.

"The principal object of the Memorialists appears to be that the fines incurred by the Members of the Brigade, instead of being paid into the Treasury of this State as provided by the late act to organize the Militia, may be paid to the president of the Brigade Court Martial to be applied toward defraying the contingent expence of the Corps: and, when it is considered that the Members of this Corps are at unusual expence for equipments and sacrifice a good portion of their time in training for instruction in Military Tactics, it appears hard to your Committee that they should be deprived of the sums thus collected from their own members, toward meeting the ordinary disbursements of the Brigade.

"The Committee are well aware that great caution ought to be observed by the Board in affixing their sanction to Applications (other than their own) to the State or General Governments: [20] the present case, however, appears to the Committee to be so intimately connected with the peace and security of the Citizens of New York that it forms an exception to many others which might be cited. The handsome and martial appearance of this Corps, together with their alacrity in attending the parades on all days of public rejoicing are of minor importance when compared with their utility in cases of riot or insurrection at the State Prison or Penitentiary or as a force which may be relied on in any sudden emergency. It must be within the recollection of the members of this Board that cases have occurred when the Magistracy of the City were unable by their own authority to keep the peace, and when, had it not been for the timely aid of this Corps, the consequences might have been very serious and alarming to the Citizens.

"With these impressions on the minds of the Committee they recommend that the Board adopt the following Resolution, and that the Clerk of the Common Council be instructed to endorse it on the memorial of the First Brigade of New York State Artillery to the Legislature and certify the same as is usual:

"Resolved that the Common Council concur [21] in the foregoing

Memorial and respectfully recommend it to the consideration of the Honorable the Legislature."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" John Morss
" Peter Mesier
" E. W. King

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following:

"The Counsel herewith submits the opinion of John Wells Esqr. as to the liability of the Corporation to pay the amount awarded by the Jury to the respective owners of the premises lying between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip, which were required by the Corporation for the purpose of forming a public Slip. As the Counsel has repeatedly had the honor of expressing his opinion to the members of the Board he deems it unnecessary at this time for him to enter into a particular detail of the reasons upon which his opinion is predicated. He therefore will simply remark that he concurs with Mr. Wells in his opinion."

(signed) Ogden Edwards

The opinion of Mr. Wells was as follows:

"I have examined the transcript of [22] the proceedings relative to a public Slip between Roosevelt Street and New Slip. These proceedings are in their nature adverse to the proprietors of the lots proposed to be taken and the Corporation are not only actors in the first instance, but they necessarily continue so throughout. In the case of Streets it is different, for there the Corporation merely originate the measure and are functus officio as soon as Commissioners are appointed. I do not think, therefore, that the decision of the Supreme Court in regard to Hudson Street would at all govern the case under consideration. Nor does it follow from the opinion of the Court in Stafford against the Corporation of Albany that the Corporation had no control over the proceedings after they were once begun. They merely determined that the Mayor's Court acting as Commissioners had no power over the finding of the Jury but not that the Corporation could not have dispensed with that finding. I am therefore of opinion that inasmuch as the property in question was to be applied to the use of the Corporation, and as they alone are to pay for it, they have that interest in the proceeding directed by the Statute that gives to them a control over it until others have acquired rights under it,

which they cannot do [23] before the Assessment has been made by the Jury, and that until then the Corporation have a right to discontinue it. In this case the Nol: pros: was entered in due season and was an effectual discontinuance. The subsequent proceedings were of course wholly irregular and void and cannot be obligatory on the Corporation."

(signed) John Wells

Alderman Van Amringe then moved that the Report of the Committee on Laws, presented on 14th December, be now considered. The question being taken thereon it was agreed to. The Report being read was in the words following:

"The Law Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Counsel relative to the decision of the Supreme Court in an application to them by the Board for a Mandamus to compel the Mayor's Court to enter judgment upon a Nolle prosequi filed in behalf of the Board in a proceeding then pending before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the Waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip in the East River to public purposes—Viz. "That it "was unnecessary to interfere by Mandamus, because if the Corpora- "tion had a right to discontinue they have done it most effectually, "and if an action is commenced to recover the damages awarded the "matter [24] may be taken advantage of by pleading it in the suit." Report: That if your Committee were governed in the decision of this case by the Statute alone they could not doubt but that the Corporation would be concluded by the judgment of the Mayor's Court, because they believe that the proceedings in question are of record and that an action of debt would lie on the judgment in which case the Record could not be traversed. But in the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany (a case very similar to the present), as well as in the case under consideration, the Supreme Court decided that the proceedings of the Mayor's Court in these cases are not of record and that the action must be assumpsit. The only question, therefore, for the consideration of the Committee is "Had the Corporation a right to discontinue?" If the proceeding was an adverse proceeding in a Court of Law as such there could be no doubt of our right to discontinue. But it is not. It is a proceeding before the Court as Commissioners. It is not at all a judicial proceeding. The Mayor's Court can do nothing but affirm or disaffirm the assessment. In the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany the Supreme Court decided that the Mayor's Court acted as Commissioners and [25] the Supreme Court have decided that when Commissioners have been appointed

the Corporation cannot discontinue their proceedings. In the case under consideration the Commissioners were appointed because the precept had not only issued but the Jury were actually empannelled before the Corporation applied for a discontinuance. The Supreme Court in their late decision on the application for a Mandamus certainly doubted whether the Board had a right to discontinue. They say "If the Corporation had a right to discontinue &c." leaving the question as to the right in doubt undecided. The question immediately under consideration is without precedent: of course the opinion of your Committee is wholly formed on their construction of the Statute and the case of Stafford vs. the City of Albany, which may possibly be not the opinion of the Supreme Court in the event of suits being commenced against the Board. But your Committee at least consider the question very doubtful and if persisted in will certainly involve the Board in long and expensive Law Suits which will probably cost the Board one fourth of the whole sum awarded the proprietors. The Board has passed an order to take part of these Waters for public use, in [26] which they cannot proceed until the present question is disposed of, so that their plan for improvement if not frustrated will be delayed in all probability four or five years. If the estimate of the Jury for the property was exorbitant: if it exceeded the value of the property as much as the probable expence of defending the suits, it would be reasonable for the Corporation to permit suits to be commenced and try the question. But your Committee believe the estimates to be moderate and to which the Board may accede without injury to their property. Your Committee were informed that the Bonds of the Corporation would be taken by the proprietors for a number of years for the sums awarded them, to ascertain which your Committee addressed a note to Mr. David Stebbins (a copy of which is annexed) and received an answer stating that the Bonds of the Corporation will be received at Six per cent interest payable half-yearly, as follows: For the amounts awarded Minturn & Champlin and Robert Hunter the Bonds may be extended to five or seven years as suits the Corporation and for the remaining sums awarded the proprietors at five years. For further particulars your Committee beg leave to refer the Board to the [27] Letter of Mr. Stebbins and to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved—that the Board agrees to the several estimates made by the Jury in the proceeding had before the Mayor's Court to appropriate the waters between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James' Slip on the East River to public purposes and that the Counsel be in-

structed to take the necessary measures to carry the same into effect, "provided that the proposition of Mr. David Stebbins to take the bonds of the Corporation as specified in his letter be complied with by him." Mr. Allen then moved to strike out from the resolution all the words after the word Resolved in order to introduce a Resolution which he read in the words following:

"——— that the Corporation will take the Bulkhead and piers between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip and appropriate them to public uses as a Slip or Basin and will give bonds for the amount payable at the periods proposed by one of the proprietors with interest at six per cent per annum, provided the owners of said property will deduct from the assessment and valuation of the Jury per cent, and not otherwise."

The question being taken and a Division called [28] it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldⁿ Mesier King Van Amringe Underhill McQueen Taylor Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Akerly. 14.

Affirmative. Aldⁿ Morss Buckmaster Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen. 5.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution proposed by the Committee with a proviso proposed by Alderman Van Amringe that the proposition of Mr. David Stebbins to take the Bond of the Corporation as specified in his letter be complied with by him. A Division having been called the question was carried in the Affirmative 13 to 6 the members who on the last vote voted in the negative now voting in the Affirmative excepting Mr. Stevens who voted in the negative. Alder- [29] man Buckmaster gave notice that he would move for a reconsideration of the question at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to

"Resolved that the Committee on the Fire Department be instructed to enquire and report as to the expediency of passing an Ordinance licensing Bell ringers and prohibiting all persons under certain penalties from ringing the Bell of any Church in this City."

His Honor the Mayor stated that he had a confidential communication to make to the Board—whereupon the Lobby was cleared and

The Doors Closed.*

* No entry, although a space was left blank.—ED.

[30] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 21st instant	$33.20	
Received for Rents	2618.34	
" " Common Lands	4431.10	
" " Tax of 1818—7th & 10th wards	2000.	
" " Excise	32.	
" " Commutation Alien passengers	201.	
" " Mayoralty Fees	2560.72	
" " Wells & Pumps	100.	12,069.61

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	413.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Obadiah Ayres—Ast City Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Samuel Hutchings—Street Inspector 1 month to 1st January	54.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—1 month to 1st January	54.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 month to 1st January	60.
George Platt—Care of Mud Machine—1 month & 29 days	19.67
[31] Israel A. Baldwin—Witness at Sessions ordered by Court 17th December	15.
Alderman Mesier at Sessions—12 days in July	48.
" King do. 12 days do	48.
" Underhill do. 10 days. Augt	40.
" Van Amringe do. 10. days do	40.
" Morss do. 12 days Sept	48.
" McQueen do. 12 days do	48.
" Buckmaster do. 12 days Oct	48.
" Taylor do. 12 days do	48.
" Thorpe do. 24 days June & Nov	96.
" Munson do. 24 days. do. do	96.
Edward Doughty—surveying from 20 Nov. 1817 to 10 Nov. 1818	1147.02
Jno. Bailey on act pavg Collect St	500.
Jas. Meghan— do do Vestry St	200.
Hugh Smith do do. Water St	200.
Jno. Culbert— do. do. Beaver St	150.
Chs. Mooney—balance do. Depeyster St	189.95
Abraham Bloodgood & Associates—making Sundry Assessments	130.50
Charles Mooney—balance repaving Front Street	128.72
Hugh Smith on account paving Roosevelt Street	100.
[32] Chs. Mooney, paving Water St. Balance	83.58
Chs. Mooney—repaving South Street from Depeyster to Pine Street	71.61

Geo. Lovett—4th Instalment for piers at Spring St. Basin—1st Contract	34.75	
Robert Pettigrew—1st Instalment for Well in Bleecker Street	52.	
Jacob P. Roome—Superintendt Reprs. to pay workmen in public yard	610.	
Jacob P. Roome—Superintendt Repairs for reprs. piers Nos. 12. 24 & 30 on the East River	515.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of the Alms house	1300.	11,962.30
	Balance	$107.31

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

[33] In Common Council Jan. 4, 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder,

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen.

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Peter Allaire complaining of an undue assessment on him for taxes of 1818 was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A Memorial from the proprietors of the New York Gazette, Mercantile Advertiser and Evening Post, stating that they are informed it is in contemplation to pull down the Boat house erected on the South side of the Battery, representing that the expence of erecting the same was [34] borne in part by the Memorialists, that if it is permitted to remain it is their intention to modernise the same so as to correspond with the other improvements at that place, and praying that if it is removed they may be permitted to take away the materials, was read and referred to the Committee on the Battery.

His Honor the Mayor, as President of the Board of Trustees of the Sailors' Snug Harbour, presented the following Statement of the funds & amount of Income of that Institution: Viz

Rents of houses & Lots of ground			3,328.50
Dividends on Stock			
Mutual Insurce Co. 30 shares		135.	
Eagle do do 33 do		297.	
Manhattan Bank 246 do		1,107.	
Mechanics' Bank 78 do		175.50	
United States' 6 p. ct. Stock	21,897.	1,373.82	
do. 6 p. ct. depressed	1,430.84	110.45	
do. 3 p. cts	723.42	21.68	
State Stock 6 p. ct	1,200.	72.	3,292.45
Bonds. P. Van Zandt	3.000.	210.	
T. N. Duggen	2,000.	140.	
James Farquhar	6,000.	420.	770.
	11,000.		$7,390.95

(Signed) C. D. Colden—Mayor & Prest of Trustees.

[35] Whereupon it was directed that said Report be filed and that 50 copies be printed for the use of the Members of the Board.

A petition of Garrit H. Van Wagenan & Robert Carnley was presented stating that on or about the 14th of December 1807 a grant was made to G. H. Van Wagenen of a water lot along the permanent line of East Street on the East River: that part of the said lot, by agreement with Robert Carnley, belongs to him; and praying that upon the surrender of the grant by said Garritt H. Van Wagenen and on payment of all rents due separate grants may be issued to them for their separate proportions—Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel, Street Commissioner and Comptroller.

A Memorial was presented from F. C. Augustus Uz, stating that complete success had attended the experiment of his compound Lever when applied to a portable Fire Engine and requesting the countenance of the Corporation to his said improvement—which being read was referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

A Memorial was received from Thomas Mussy [36] stating that he had invented a Machine named a "Rut Level" to be employed in repairing Avenues, roads & turnpikes, which he offered on certain conditions to the Corporation. Whereupon the same was referred to the Road Committee.

An Application by Martin S. Wilkins Esqr. in behalf of the freeholders of the town of Harlaem, stating that they have applied to the Legislature for a Law to appoint Trustees in whom the Title to their Common Lands may be vested, and that it has become necessary for

them to have a Copy of the confirmation of the Act passed in 1772 authorising Commissioners to settle the line between their Common Lands and the Common Lands of the City of New York and of the award of the Commissioners appointed under the act of 1772, and praying to be furnished with the same, was read and ordered that the Comptroller, at the expence of the Applicant, furnish copies of the said Documents.

A petition of John G. Betts, late Weighmaster General, stating that on his appointment to the office of Weighmaster General he had, for the proper discharge of the duties of said station, hired an Office and incurred other expences which, as the Law is now [37] repealed, have become useless, and praying remuneration therefor—which was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to make such compensation as they judge proper.

A Petition of James Casey, praying remission of fine under the Pawnbroker's Licence, was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of John Smith, Inspector of Firewood of the 9th District, praying to be appointed to inspect Fire Wood stored in the yards in his District, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the 3d Ward with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A Petition that Varick Street between Vandam & Carmine Streets may be regulated was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Duncan Douglass was received, stating that he had been called upon by the Collector for an arrear of Tax amounting to 10 dollars forty cents, due for the tax of 1817; that his Wife paid to the Collector of said Ward eight dollars of said Tax, and praying that on payment of $2.40 cents [38] he may be discharged therefrom—was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Isaac Rhoads Jr. for Stall No. 1 in Grand Street Market at Corlaer's Hook—was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Michael Nangle to be relieved from a fine under the State Law regulating Hawkers and Pedlars—was read and laid on the Table.

A Memorial from sundry Hatters and Dyers remonstrating against the law entitled "a law respecting the public pumps and to prevent the drying of Cloth in the Street" passed the 4th September 1818 and praying the repeal of the last Section of said law, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

1.	C. Smith Own. T. R. Smith Agt.	Walnut c. Water Sts Privy
2.	C. Smith Own. J. S. Doan Occ.	Walnut & Water Sts do
3.	[39] E. Brown Own. Mr. Boy[l]e, M. Dusenberry & D. Dougherty Occ.	109 Anthony St. do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, stating that on the late revision of the Laws it had been omitted to re-enact the Law "to regulate the casting of Water into the Streets," and as the said law had been found beneficial he recommended its re-enaction. Whereupon it was referred to the Committee on Laws, who immediately reported a Resolution recommending the reenactment of said Law. Whereupon it was Resolved that the law entitled "A Law to regulate the casting of Water into the Streets by certain persons therein named" passed 24th Feby. 1817 be and the same is hereby re-enacted.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Bleecker Street near McDougall Street which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

He also presented a Profile of Fayette & Oliver Streets to be laid before the Commissioners of [40] Estimate and Assessment on those streets—which were confirmed.

The Road Committee, on the petition of Thomas and Gulian Ludlow, reported:

"That the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment have estimated the dirt lying as above (say 35,565 loads) as property of the above named petitioners and assessed the amount thereof on the adjoining property. Now the petitioners are willing to take the dirt and relinquish the amount awarded them for the same.

"Your Committee offer the following:

"Resolved that Thomas Ludlow and Gulian Ludlow have leave, after the confirmation of the Commissioners' Report, to take away the surplus dirt in the Sixth Avenue adjoining their property as stated in their petition upon their paying the amount that has been assessed on the adjoining property to the Street Commissioner for the following purpose.

"Resolved that the said Sum, when the Same shall be paid by them,

shall be applied for the purpose of regulating the said Sixth Avenue & Carmine Street."

(signed) R. Munson, G. B. Thorp
" E. Schieffelin—D. Board

[41] which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Isaac Labagh Jr. for the appointment of a Measurer of Grain, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Isaac Labagh Jr. be appointed a Measurer of grain for the City & County of New York."

which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

Alderman Buckmaster, agreeably to notice given at the last meeting, moved that the Board now reconsider the vote given at the last meeting of the Board on the report of the Committee of Laws which had been presented on the 14th December 1817. On the question of agreeing to reconsider the same and a Division having been called, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldn Mesier King Underhill Vn Amringe Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony Westervelt Parker Schieffelin

Affirmative. Aldn Morss Buckmaster Taylor Messrs. Stevens Board Allen.

[42] Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board do not take an assignment of Minturn and Champlin's property contemplated for a Slip unless all the back quit rents are paid up on this property, and in case they refuse to allow or pay such quit rents that the Counsel commence an action for the recovery of the property."

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 28 Dec. 1818	107.31	
Recd for Tax of 1818—1st, 2d & 3d Wards	12,000.	
" " Excise	127.	
" " Police Office	97.75	
" " Streets	2100.	14,432.06

Accounts Audited.

Andrew McCready—Keeper of Park—2 months' 1st instant	91.50
Daniel H. Magee—Keeper Potters' field—1 month 1st instant	46.50
John Bedient—Coroner's Fees—3 months 1st instant	499.92
Jacob Morton—Index 33d Vol. & expences	73.

Elizth Low—Administx estate of Thomas P. Low—for printing	38.	
Hugh Smith—act pavg Roosevelt St	300.	
[43] John Williams—on act regg Green St. from Houston to Bleecker Street	300.	
John Stanley—on act pavg Crosby St	300.	
Abisha Smith—on act curbg Washington St	200.	
John Sloan—on act regg Wooster St	200.	
Jac. C. Mott & others for Assessing flagging Side Walk in Broad Way	60.	
Heny Van Pelt—Inspecg pavg Franklin St	14.07	
Geo. Snethen—supg & lightg. lamps—1 mo. 1 inst	771.29	
R. Munson—4 Casks Oil—bot of T. Lovell	469.86	
Peter Bonnett—Intt on bond—6 mo. 3d ins	113.79	
Mrs. Sadler—Treasurer of Society for promotion of Industry	500.	
F. B. Winthrop—Treasurer City Dispensary—Annual Donation	500.	
S. Allen—Chairman Finance Commee for Commr's Sinking Fund—intt Heirs of Captn Lawrence—princl & interest	2700.	
J. P. Roome—Supt of Reprs. for Reprs—Dock foot of Jay Street	636.	
J. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. for Repairs	314.	
Wm Vail—Bond to Wm Hunter—prl & int	2035.	
Richd Furman—Supt of Alms house	4250.	14,412.93
	Balance	$19.13

The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[44] In Common Council Jan. 11. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
E. W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved

The Comptroller presented a Communication stating certain property of the Corporation which it would be advisable to dispose of on lease—which was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of sundry Boatmen employed in bringing Fire Wood to the City, praying that John Young be appointed Wood Inspector in [45] place of James Hunt, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Third Ward.

The City Inspector presented the following:

"The City Inspector respectfully reports to the Board a statement of the deaths in the City and County of New York for the year 1818 amounting to Three thousand two hundred and sixty five being an increase of seven hundred and thirty eight above that of the preceding year.

"In consequence of the excessive heats that prevailed during the summer months of the past year a greater number of deaths took place during those months than was usual in former years. This circumstance combined with the increase of our population, (to which may be added the constant influx of emigrants many of whom are of the poorer class and unaccustomed to our climate) may account for the number of children that died of distempers peculiar to our summer months in an atmosphere unusually rarefied.

"The Returns of deaths received from Baltimore and Philadelphia, however, sufficiently prove that the climate of New York is as salubrious as that of her Sister Cities: to exemplify which we need only observe that in the year 1817 the deaths in Baltimore [46] (with a population perhaps thirty thousand) amounted to Thirteen hundred and twenty, whilst in our City, containing a population at least four times greater, we had not more than twice that number.

"The fortunate exemption of our City from the pestilential visitation of the Yellow Fever is justly a subject of general gratulation and solemn thankfulness, and it is to be hoped that the same vigilance that, under providence, has guarded us from its scourge, will be the means of shielding our City from its future visitations."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

With which Report he presented the Annual report of deaths in the City during the said year, of which the following is an

Abstract.

Men	984
Women	736
Boys	857
Girls	688
	3265

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed and copies to be printed as usual.

[47] The City Inspector also presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances, which were passed

1.	Dr. C. Drake	Own.	49	Bowery	a Privy
	P. Lawson	Occ.			
2	—— Nostrand	Own.	55	do	do
	Mrs. Adriance	Occ.			
3	Wm Rhinelander	Own.	77	do	do
	James Robertson	Occ.			
4	Wm Rhinelander	Own.	79	do	do
	John Miller	Occ.			
5	C. Bogert	Own.	103	do	do
	Jesse Ellis	Occ.			
6	R. Dodge	Own.	107	do	do
	T. Parker	Occ.			
7	D. Sherwood	Own.	111	do	do
	E. Parker	Occ			
8	Andrew Paff	Own.	123	do	do
	do.	Occ.			
9	Thomas White	Own.	125	do	do
	Mrs. Allen	Occ.			
10	Thomas White	Own.	125½	do	do
	Mrs. Allen	Occ.			
11	Thomas White	Own.	127	do	do
	Joshua Bagot	Occ			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[48] A Petition of the Captains of the Watch of the 3d District for new Caps to be furnished to the Watchmen of said District was read and referred to the Watch Committee with powers to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

A Remonstrance of Owners of lots of ground in Pearl Street between Cross and Elm Streets, objecting to their being assessed for the improvement of Pearl Street was read & referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the following Assessments whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Morris De Camp the Collector for collecting the same: Viz.

For repaving Frankfort, Pine, Water, Front and Depeyster Streets, and

For opening Collect, Walker, Pump & Rynder Streets.

He also presented an Ordinance for paving the Side Walks in Franklin Street between Broadway and Elm Street which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors.

The Counsel presented, agreeably to order, the fol- [49] lowing Memorials to the Legislature with drafts of Bills corresponding therewith to be enacted into laws, which were approved and directed to be duly authenticated, viz.

"An Act respecting Brokers and dealers in Lottery Tickets in the City of New York:

"An Act to impose an additional duty upon Sales by public auction in the Streets of the City of New York:

"An Act authorising the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New York to take possession of certain unclaimed lands:

"An Act to enforce the payment of Commutations for Military service:

"An Act regulating the fees of the Coroner in the City of New York."

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

He also, on the subject of the Lamp and Watch Districts referred to him, reported:

"That after diligent examination he has not been able to ascertain that they have ever been made the subject of Legislative regulation and that he is of opinion that the Common Council possess the power of regulating them at pleasure.

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Which was directed to be filed.

[50] The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Street Commissioner, reported:

"That in conformity with several Ordinances being passed and contracts having been made for regulating Houston, Bleecker, Mercer, Green, Wooster and Laurens Streets some of them have been completed and others nearly so: that owing to the filling up of some of the said Streets to a considerable height above the adjoining lots the earth has been washed away from the street into those lots and will continue to be so, until the streets will be rendered impassible, unless the lots are filled in.

They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner direct the owners of the lots spoken of in the Report to be filled in by the first of April."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

which was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition for opening North Street, Reported:

"That your Committee have maturely considered the request of the petitioners and are of opinion that their prayer ought to be granted [51] inasmuch as the present contract for regulating North Street to Willet Street will not relieve the petitioners, as that part of the said Street from Willet to Lewis Street lies thro' a deep morass and is impassible. Your Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that North Street be filled up and regulated from Willet Street to Lewis Street and that an Ordinance be passed for that purpose and the Street Commissioner carry the same into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

which was agreed to and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance for filling up and regulating North Street from Willet to Lewis Street—which was passed and Abraham Baudouine, John Brown[er] & Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

Mr. Allen presented the following—which was agreed to.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare a law, to be sent to the Legislature for their concurrence, authorising the Corporation to raise by tax on the real and personal estate in this City and County the sum of Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to be applied to defraying [52] the current expences of the ensuing year, and that he designate in said Law the Lamp and Watch District as follows: Beginning at the North river at a place called Decklyn's Ferry, at a little to the northward of the State Prison, and running thence easterly in front of the new Bank houses to the road called Sandyhill Road, and thro' the said Road to the Northward of Potters' field and the house of William Nielson to Broadway, thro' Broadway to 13th Street, and thro' 13th Street to the East river, including the lots on both sides of the line thus designated.

"Resolved that the Counsel also prepare a memorial on the above subject and that his Honor the Mayor sign, and the Clerk be authorised to affix, during the recess of the, Board, the Seal of the Corporation to said Memorial."

The following Resolution was presented:

"Resolved that the Counsel be authorised to proceed to Albany for the purpose of giving the necessary attention to the business of the Corporation to be laid before the Honorable the Legislature of this State." On the question of agreeing to the same, a division having been called, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

[53] Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen. Underhill Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Akerly Board Allen 12.

Negative. Aldermen. Mesier Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony 6.

The Law Committee, to whom was referred the petition of John Fitzgerald, reported:

"That the action brought by Mr. Graham was a qui tam action in the name of the Informer, one half the penalty by the statute belonging to the Informer: that the common informer has of course a right to discontinue proceedings commenced in his own name which Mr. Graham did by order of his client on receipt of Ten Dollars. But by compromising in this it is not in the power of the common informer to deprive others of the right of suing for the penalty. If this should be allowed [54] there would be very little reason in inflicting penalties of this nature as nothing would be easier for a person subject to the penalty than to find a friendly informer in every case. In the opinion of your Committee the Attorney has a just cause of action against the petitioner and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that John Fitzgerald have leave to withdraw his petition and that the Attorney prosecute the suit against him."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the Communication of the Attorney stating that the Police Magistrates claimed the right of appointing an Attorney to prosecute for the forfeitures of Tavern Licences, presented a Report with several Resolutions. The question was taken on the Resolutions separately and agreed to. The final question being put of agreeing to the report and Resolutions, it was moved that the

same be postponed, and the question being taken thereon it was carried in the affirmative: so the final question on the Resolutions was postponed.

[55] The Committee on the subject of applying to the Legislature for a Law to authorise the Corporation to insure against losses by fire presented a Report which was read and on motion the consideration was postponed and 50 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

A Resolution was presented directing the Clerk of the Common Council to give notice by advertisement in the Public Papers of the intention of the Corporation to apply to the Legislature for the above mentioned law, upon which the question being taken it passed in the negative.

The Committee on Arts & Sciences, to whom was referred the Resolution to enquire if any deficiency exists on the part of the person employed to regulate the public Clocks, Reported as follows:

"Mr. John Berger has been the regulator of the public Clocks about Two years, and altho' complaints have been made of their irregularity yet upon an interview and explanation with Mr. Berger there appears to be no cause of complaint against him, since the stopping and irregularity of the Clocks has arisen from causes beyond his control.
"Therefore

[56] "Resolved that Mr. John Berger, regulator of the public Clocks, be exonerated from all censure for the past irregularities of the public Clocks."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Peter Mesier
" John Morss.

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 4th instant	$19.13	
Received for Rents	3257.25	
" " Tax of 1818 2d & 6th wards	3000.	
" " Arrears of Tax	300.	
" " Excise	45.	
" " Streets	1509.17	
" " Wells & Pumps	465.49	= 8596.04

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.

Holly Waterbury, Watchman, Witness at Sessions.....	2.	
Jos. Dederer—Int. on Bond—1 year to 3d ins.....	295.66	
B. OBlenis—Clerk Police—bal. 6 mo. 1 inst.....	178.51	
Robt. Pettigrew—balce Well in Bleecker St.....	52.	
do. do. do. 2d Avenue.....	84.56	
J. McComb—St. Cr—bal. earth Charlton block.....	154.70	
[57] Saml Cowdry—Counsel fee for Catharine and Roosevelt Streets	50.	
Thos. Barnum—Supg Wharves—24 days 10 ins.....	48.	
Chs. Mooney—on act. regg Collect St.....	500.	
Jno. Williams do do. Green St.....	400.	
Fred. Yeomans do do. Mercer St.....	400.	
Hugh Smith do pavg Roosevelt St.....	300.	
Jas. Meghan do do Greenwich St.....	200.	
Jno. Sloan do reg. Laurens St.....	200.	
Chs. Mooney do pav. Spring St.....	200.	
John Sloan do. reg. Wooster St.....	100.	
Davd West balce pav. Ludlow St.....	149.34	
Jno. Culbert do. do. Beaver St.....	184.35	
Hugh Smith do reg. Leonard St.....	82.15	
Amos Jones—Working 9th Avenue & 28th St.....	545.73	
Jonathn Charlton—on act building Engine house in Rose Street	800.	
J. McComb—S. Cr earth Charlton St. basin.....	450.	
J. P. Roome—Sup. Reprs. Stone at Battery.....	794.	
do. repairs & glazing New Lamps.....	114.50	=8,572.75
	Balance	$23.29

The Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[58] In Common Council Jan. 18. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	David Board
Robert McQueen	Effingm Schieffelin
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen.
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of Matthias Bruen for remission of fine for not placing

a Box over his grate in the Street while it was open to receive fire wood, was read & leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Henry Bogardus and John B. Ficquet praying to be paid a portion of a fine recovered [59] on their complaint from Andrew Blair for breach of Sunday Law was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petition.

A Petition of Jacob Barker for remission of fine for not filling in a Lot within the time prescribed by an Ordinance (the same having been lately filled in) was read and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A petition from sundry owners of lots in Washington Street, complaining of several buildings extending into said Street destroying the uniformity of the same, and praying said obstructions may be re-removed, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Sundry Fishermen attending at Washington Market, stating the great inconvenience they suffer from the want of a place in which to fix their cars when filled with fish, and farther stating they are desirous of building a Float similar to the one now at the Fly Market about 35 feet in length and 12 feet in width at Slip No. 24 North River, was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[60] A Petition from Benjamin Hills for payment in part of his Contract for filling in the basin between Fulton and Dey Streets, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of Mary McWhorter, formerly Widow of James Braiden, praying on account of her poverty that an amount of an Arrear of Tax due on a leased lot she holds from the Widow Bancker, may be remitted to her, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Petition of Thomas G. Harrison for a Stall in Spring Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Joshua Tufts, in behalf of himself and brother owners of Sloop Traveller was received stating that said Sloop commanded by Captain Cory arrived in the port of New York from Boston on 6th November last bringing passengers: that said Captain regularly reported his passengers but stated them as being Americans: that it appears a family by the name of Daley were aliens: that they imposed themselves on the Captain as Americans and were reported accordingly as such: that [61] proceedings have been commenced against said vessel by the Attorney of the Board: that petitioners are willing to give the Bonds required by law, and praying to be permitted to give said bonds and that the proceedings against said vessel may be dis-

missed. Whereupon it was resolved that the fine be remitted on their giving the requisite bond and paying all costs and expences, and that the suit commenced be discontinued.

A petition of Robert H. Bowne was received, stating that he is proprietor of the property formerly belonging to Minturn and Champlin East of Roosevelt Street on the East river: that a difference of opinion exists between him and the Comptroller as to the amount of quit rent to be paid on the grant, and requesting the subject may be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the same Which being read, a Resolution was presented directing it to be referred to a Committee to endeavor to treat with the petitioner and report their proceedings, which was agreed to and it was referred for that purpose to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Robert Latimer, praying remission of fine incurred by not having rates in his Carriage [62] was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Petition of James Hays for remission of payment of Tax laid on him in the Eighth Ward, he having already paid the same to the Collector of the 8th Ward A. H. Hegerman, was read and referred to the Finance Committee with authority to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 7th Ward praying that an application may be made to the Legislature for an extension of the Fire Limits so that the same may extend as far East as Clinton Street and as far north as Division Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A Communication was received from the Messrs. Hitchcocks, Contractors for the Street Manure, recommending that the law on the subject be amended so that the Streets may be swept twice a week instead of once as now directed, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of James Allison to be relieved from [63] a penalty incurred under the law regulating Carts and Carmen, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

The Street Commissioner presented a Return of Delinquents on the assessments for regulating Willett and Sheriff Streets—Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector to collect the same.

He also presented an assessment for paving the sidewalks in Franklin Street—which was confirmed and Noah Jarvis appointed Collector.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of the following Nuisances—which were passed

1	Mrs. D. Minuse J. Henry	Own. Occ.	83	Cross St.	a Lot
2	William Few C. Raper	Own. Occ.	16	Doyer St.	a Privy
3	Jno. Fink	Own. & Occ.	30	Bowery	do
4	S. Purdy Palmer & Brown	Own. Occ.	32	do	do
5	Enoch Dodgshun	Les. & Occ.	40	do	do
6	Henry Astor W. Scudder	Own. Occ.	42	do	do
7.	[64] Henry Astor M. Brown	Own. Occ.	44	do	do
8	Henry Astor J. Delaterre	Own. Occ.	46	do	do
9	L. Quintard J. Rushmore	Own Occ.	68	do	do
10	L. Quintard James Thorne	Own. Occ.	68½	do	do
11	Henry Astor B. Barwell	Own. Occ.	70	do	do
12	Enoch Hoyt L. Toms	Les. Occ.	78	do	do
13	Mr. Sayres Peter Swan B. Fanning	Own. Les. Occ.	84	do	do
14	Widow Gooday F. Depeau	Own. Occ.	108	do	do
15	Mr. Mass Mr. Bracket John Brown	Own. Agt. Occ.	110	do	do
16	Jno. A. Hardenbrook L. Small	Own. Occ.	112	do	do
17	Jno. Poillon do	Own. Occ.	114	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

[65] The following person was appointed a Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 38."

Isaac Jarvis, Milkman, Bowery hill—9th Ward—vice John James Stewart, Expelled.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred on the 16th of November last the petition of Thomas L. Ogden and others praying the regulation of the Side Walks in Nassau Street &c. Reported:

"That they have examined the subject and agree in opinion with the petitioners that the Street would be much improved by the proposed alteration Yet the Committee are informed, and which information they believe correct, that the walk on the East side of the Street is more than double the width of that on the West side of said Street; that the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church are the owners of the surplus ground on the east side in fee; that in the year 1795 the Church at their own expence removed the fence to the present line with the consent & approbation of the Corporation, for the accommodation of the citizens and particularly their own congregation, with an express stipulation and consent of the Board that they might build vaults under the walks which [66] has accordingly been done; that the entrances to the said Vaults are within one foot of the present line of the fence within the Church yard, and by removing the fence to the proposed line the whole vaults and the entrances to the same would be in the public Street, or by equalising the walks on both sides the vaults would be under the cartway of the said Street.

"The Committee are therefore of opinion that a consent of the Board to the proposed alteration would be inconsistent with the former agreement made with the Consistory of the Church and offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that it would be inexpedient for the Corporation to consent to the proposed improvement in removing the fence of the Middle Dutch Church or equalising the Walks in Nassau Street between Cedar and Liberty Streets for reasons above stated, unless the petitioners should first obtain the consent of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church."

respectfully submitted

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to

[67] The same Committee, on the petition for regulating Varick Street, Reported:

"That altho' it is indeed opened yet no use whatever can be made of it as a Street unless it is regulated. They therefore offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that Varick Street be regulated from Vandam to Carmine Street and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance for the same."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

which was approved.

The same Committee on the remonstrance of certain owners in Pearl Street against being Assessed for the repaving of that Street between Cross and Elm Streets, reported:—

"That in the year 1811 Pearl Street was directed to be broken up, raised and repaved in order to gain as much elevation as possible for Collect and Canal Streets. The proprietors on Pearl Street thought it unjust that they should pay all the expence of such regulating & paving [68] inasmuch as the pavement was perfect and putting them to the very great expence of repaving their Side walks, altering Stoops, Cellar-doors &c. Whereupon the Corporation did agree to relieve them from the one half of the expence of the Carriage way. Your petitioners resting under the assurance that their Street was not to be again taken up for a similar purpose made no further objections. They are now about to be assessed for the like purpose against which their petition is presented: and your Committee are of opinion that your petitioners ought to be exempted from paying any part of the expence for paving the Carriage Way, and therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the owners & occupants of houses and lots in Pearl Street between Cross Street and Elm Street be exempted from the payment of any part of the expence for repaving said Street other than their proportion of the intersection of Pearl and Collect Streets."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss.

Upon the question of agreeing to the same, a Division having been called, it was carried in [69] the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldⁿ Morss M^cQueen Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs Kip Parker Board Schieffelin

Negative. Aldⁿ Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Buckmaster Messrs. Bolton Stevens Allen

Alderman King gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of the block between Fulton and Dey Streets, reported:

"That since their report on the subject of the block of land between Dey and Fulton Streets at the North River they have ascertained that, with a small expence for enlarging one of the bridges near the premises, they will be enabled to sell 21 lots instead of 20 as formerly authorised: and, as they believe it desirable that as much of this property should be sold at present as practicable, [70] in order that the purchasers may be accommodated in erecting their buildings to advantage by joining in the partition walls and the Corporation reimbursed for the large amount expended in making the land, they recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorised to sell at public auction in addition to the lots already directed, the lot No. 15 fronting on Fulton Street, part of the Block belonging to the Corporation between Washington, Dey, West and Fulton Streets at the North River."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a communication from the Comptroller on the subject of certain portions of public property which may be disposed of the present year, reported the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to sell at public auction for a term of [71] years of below the following property belonging to the Corporation:

1. The Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip for Three years.
2. The Hay Scales at Duane Slip for Three years.
3. A House and Lot No. 265 William St. for Seven years.

4. The School room over the Engine house in Rose Street for Three years.

5. A House and Lot corner of Beach and Chapel Streets for Seven years.

6. Nine cellars under Centre Market for Two years—with the condition that they are at no time to be occupied by a family or fire kept in them.

7. A House and 1¾ Acres of land on Long Island near Hellgate Ferry for Three Years.

8. The Ferry at Horn's Hook for Three years. The Leases on the whole to commence on the first day of May next.

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to lease to the Fulton Steam Boat Company, for a term of Three years from the first day of April next, at an annual rent of Eight hundred Dollars, the Wharf at Beekman Slip now in their possession—conditioned that they shall not occupy [72] any part of said Wharf with Firewood except the Blocks, and not more of them than Ten feet in width measuring from the most easterly side of said Wharf.

"Resolved that the Comptroller give notice in the several papers employed by the Corporation that proposals will be received on or before the first day of March next for renting for one year from the 1st day of May 1819 the public Docks and Slips.

"Your Committee beg leave farther to report that the piece of ground alluded to by the Comptroller as lying on the South side of Pearl Street in the Sixth Ward is now vacant & unoccupied in consequence of a claim set up by Mr. George Janeway averring that the line between his property and that of the Corporation is incorrectly run. For the purpose of settling this matter amicably, if possible, the following Resolution is proposed:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner and Counsel of the Board be and they are hereby authorised to ascertain and settle in an amicable manner the bounds between the land belonging to the Corporation and George Janeway in the 6th Ward, and in the event of their inability to effect a settlement with Mr. Janeway as aforesaid [73] that they report to this Board accordingly.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to

The Comptroller, to whom was referred the petition of Henry Ward, presented a Report which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Committee of Laws, to whom was referred the Communication of the Attorney that the Police Magistrates claimed the right to appoint an Attorney to prosecute on breach of recognizances on Tavern Licences, and which Report was presented at the last meeting and the final question postponed, was now called up: and the opinion of the Counsel and the said Report having been read were in the words following:

"Opinion of the Counsel."

Alderman Van Amringe November 26. 1818.
Chairman of Law Committee.

Sir.

In compliance with the request [74] of the Law Committee I have examined the law relative to the power of the Common Council to take orders relative to prosecutions for breaches of recognizances entered into by persons licensed to retail spiritous liquors.

"By the 244th Section of the Act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one act, it is provided "that such recognizances instead of being entered and acknowledged "to and in the name of the people of the State of New York shall "be given to and taken in the name of the Mayor &c.—and that the Common Council shall take such order relative to prosecutions for breaches of such recognizances and shall also from time to time make such ordinances to regulate Taverns in the said City as they may deem suitable and necessary to preserve the good order and welfare of the same. As the power of directing prosecutions is here given in express terms to the Common Council, it becomes necessary to ascertain whether they have ever been divested of it. The only act which affords any ground for such a pretension is the Act granting additional powers to the Special Justices, passed April 16. 1816. by which it is provided that such recognizance shall not be estreated or delivered [75] to the Common Council but that the Special Justices shall cause such recognizances to be sued in any proper Court and the monies recovered thereon shall be deposited in the City Treasury and form a part of the fund for the support of the poor.

"As there are no words in this Act divesting the Common Council of the right of directing prosecutions, I presume it will not be

contended but that they possess this power concurrently with the Special Justices and that they are bound to put them in suit when ordered by the Common Council.

The point in question I understand to be whether the Common Council or the Special Justices possess the power of designating the Attorney; or in other words whether the Justices have the power of appointing an Attorney to commence suits in the name of the Corporation, not only without their consent but in defiance of their authority.

"An objection fatal to this pretension presents itself at the very threshold of this enquiry. According to the established rules of law a Corporation cannot appear but by Attorney and they cannot appoint an Attorney otherwise than under their Corporate Seal. Now, as I presume the Special Justice will not contend that they possess the power of compelling the Corporation to affix their seal to a Warrant of [76] Attorney, they must fail in this pretension from the absolute impossibility of carrying it into effect.

"By the Act concerning Counsellors &c. it is provided that every person of full age and sound memory, other than defendants in cases when Corporal punishments may be inflicted, may appear by Attorney in every action in plea by and against him in any Court in this State.

"If the right of a Corporation to appear by attorney required the sanction of a Statute the Courts of Justice would undoubtedly put such an equitable construction upon this as would extend the benefit of it to them: and, as it is presumed that the Corporation of this City are not within the exceptions of the act, they might with all due deference to the authority of the Special Justices insist upon availing themselves of its provisions.

"But it may be contended that, altho' the Corporation cannot appear otherwise than by Attorney and the right of so appearing is sanctioned by Statute, yet that it does not follow that they must appoint him.

"An Attorney is a person appointed by another to do any thing in his stead, and to contend that he may be appointed by any other person is to contend for what is a solecism in terms.

[77] "It will be contended by the Special Justices, and it is upon this and this alone that their pretension rests, that they are required by the act to cause all such recognizances as are forfeited to be sued in some proper Court, and that as they possess the power of causing them to be prosecuted in the name of the Corporation they by necessary implication possess the power of doing all such acts as may be

necessary to enable them to carry this power into effect. The question then presents itself whether it is necessary that they should appoint the Attorney in order to enable them to sue, and whether it is not possible that an Attorney appointed by the Corporation can conduct a suit by the direction of the Special Justices. If this is possible in the nature of things then the ground upon which they predicate their claim fails to support them And as the Corporation have appointed an Attorney and have declared it to be his duty among other things "to commence all actions upon the laws of this State in cases when the penalty is given to the Corporation" there is not a shadow of ground to support this pretext upon the plea of necessity.

"Prior to the Act of April 1816 the Corporation possessed exclusively the power of taking all orders relative to prosecutions for breaches of such recogni- [78] zances, and it was required of them that they should take all such orders relative to the premises as they should deem suitable and necessary to preserve the good order and welfare of the City.

"By the Act of April 1816 it is also made the duty of the Special Justices "to cause such recognizances to be sued." By putting a reasonable construction upon this Act (and indeed the only reasonable one which it admits of) it must mean that they possess this power concurrently with the Corporation, and as it is made the duty of the Corporation to take all orders &c. as before mentioned the Legislature presumed that they would not disregard the injunctions of the Act but would among other things appoint an Attorney, as this is an indispensible order in relation to prosecutions; and when they authorised the Police Justices to cause recognizances to be put in suit, they presumed that the Corporation would do their duty by appointing an Attorney for that purpose.

"This construction is not only reasonable but is in accordance with the established rules for construing Statutes: for by preserving the power of the Corporation unimpaired the penalties will be more generally enacted than they would be if the power of enforcing them was exclusively [79] confined to the Special Justices, and the intention of the Legislature in passing this law undoubtedly was to subject the retailers of Spirituous Liquors to a more vigilant inspection and rigid observation of the laws and not to divest the Corporaton of any of the coercive powers for this purpose. By this construction the last Act does not infringe upon the first, and altho' subsequent acts repeal preceding ones so far as they are irreconcilable, yet if the last admits of a reasonable construction by which the provisions of the first can

be preserved inviolate that construction is to be given to it. By this construction also the vested rights of the Corporation to regulate these prosecutions remain inviolate and statutes in derogation of private rights are even to be construed strictly.

"On the other hand the construction contended for by the Special Justices is unreasonable in every point of view, for they are contending for a power which they cannot enforce, inasmuch as they cannot affix their Corporate Seal to a Warrant of Attorney and the Corporation can also at any time release the action: the costs of proceeding, in the event of failure would be thrown upon the Corporation and they therefore ought to have the power of selecting an Attorney in whose [80] vigilance and legal discretion they have confidence, and the Corporation are alone interested in the monies which may be recovered.

"On the other hand no imaginable reason can be given why the Legislature should deprive the Corporation of the power of appointing their own Attorney to conduct their own suits—a privilege which is denied to none but fools & lunatics.

"If it is necessary to recur to authority in order to put this matter beyond question I would refer to the practice under the laws of the United States.

"By one of these laws it is enacted that the Collector shall take bonds on the exportation of merchandise and 'shall put the same in suit.' By another act it is provided that when any bond for the payment of duties shall not be satisfied on the day it may become due 'then the Collector shall forthwith and without delay cause a prose-'cution to be commenced for the recovery of the money due thereon 'by action in suit at law in the proper Court having cognizance 'thereof.' These words or equally as strong and in the last case are nearly the same with those relied upon by the Police Justices—And yet the Collectors have ever been required to deliver these bonds to the United States Attorney to be sued. [81] Here then we have a practical construction of similar Statutes adopted in every district in the United States and which is in accordance with what I contend for in the case in question.

"If the construction which I put upon the Act is correct, the next question which presents itself is what remedy is to be resorted to in order to prevent the commencement of suits in the name of the Corporation without their authority. This would be an offence which would subject the Attorney to the severe animadversion of the Court and would also subject all parties concerned in it to an indictment

for misdemeanour. The Court would also order the proceedings to be discontinued and would compel the Attorney to pay all the Costs."

Very respectfully

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

"Report of the Law Committee."

"The Law Committee, to which was referred the representation of the Attorney 'that the Police Magistrates claimed the right of appointing an Attorney to sue out forfeited recognizances for Tavern 'Licences'—having taken the opinion of the Counsel on the same, in which they concur, beg leave to refer the Board to that opinion annexed. In addition to the [82] reasons given by the Counsel, the very great impropriety of permitting an irresponsible person to this Board to officiate for them is apparent. If an Attorney not authorised by the Board has a right to commence an action without their order he has an undoubted right to discontinue it without permission. H[e] may compound with the offender and compromit the rights of the Board without the possibility of detection, thereby rendering the penal laws of the Community a private emolument and a source of public immorality. The penalties of the Corporation and of the State in which we are concerned so far from exciting apprehension in offenders, are a subject of complaint from the virtuous and of derision from the vicious on account of the ease of avoiding the consequences. Security against vice depends more upon the certainty than the magnitude of penalties, and it may be asked what security have the Board that the punishment will certainly visit the Offender when the Attorney conducting the suit is not under the control of the Board.

"Your Committee have no apprehension that any of these consequences would ensue in [83] the course of Mr. Graham's practice, but once established as a precedent and you have no guarantee for the observance of good faith. The Board does not allow to its officers the power of dispensing charity. It is not for them to consider of hardships and difficulties in enforcing the law but the single question are they liable to the law. To bestow charity and relieve from penalties is reserved exclusively in the Board, and altho' under the arrangement of the Police Office the trust might not be abused as much as by an officer of the Board, yet in the one case our redress is remote and uncertain and in the other immediate and positive. Your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that no suit shall hereafter be commenced in the name of this Board except by an Attorney duly authorised by the Board and

that if any suits shall be commenced by any person not so authorised the Counsel be, and he is hereby instructed to apply to the Court in which such suits shall be pending to dismiss the same—and to make him or them pay the costs.

"The Committee farther report that five or six suits have been commenced by Mr. Graham under the direction of the Police Magistrates and [84] have made considerable progress toward judgment. As the Police Magistrates proceeded in the business under an impression that the Statute gave them the power and not from any disrespect to the Board and as it will be a saving of time and expence to permit Mr. Graham to conduct these suits to judgment, your Committee beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be, and he is hereby directed to associate himself with J. L. Graham Esqr. to superintend and direct as Counsel the suits now pending in the name of this Board, brought by the said J. L. Graham Esqr. on forfeited recognizances of Tavern Keepers.

"Your Committee, while on this subject, beg leave to remark that in consequence of the penalty in the recognizance being One hundred and twenty five dollars suits must be brought in the higher Court of Record which not only delays the immediate punishment of the Offenders & affords time to make interest to have the same remitted, but in case of failure incurs a heavy expence to the Board. If the penalty should be reduced to one hundred dollars [85] suits might be brought in the Marine Court in which case the punishment would be so prompt that your Committee believe it would be attended with happy consequences in deterring offences. They therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel prepare a Memorial and the draft of a law for an application to the Legislature so as to amend the act entitled 'An Act to lay a duty on Strong liquors and for regulating Inns & Taverns' as that the amount of the penalty in recognizances entered into by persons selling by retail any strong or spirituous liquors be reduced to One hundred Dollars."

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton

The question having been taken on the report and resolutions, the report was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee to whom was referred the expediency of taking a suitable portion of ground at the East River near Corlaer's Hook for

a public Walk or Promenade and a suitable portion of ground at the North River near Fort Gansevoort for the like purpose and also of enlarging and [86] repairing the Battery in an ornamental & durable manner, Reported:

"That they have considered the subject with all the deliberation and care that its importance demanded. On the one hand they were sensible that the measure, if gone into upon the extensive scale proposed by the Resolution, must add greatly to the public debt of the City and finally require a considerable augmentation in the annual Tax. On the other hand the Committee could not but see that the plan submitted to them embraced great public improvements which if once lost might not be retrieved: improvements which will contribute alike to the recreation, pleasure and health of our citizens and are essentially connected with the future splendour of our growing Metropolis.

"Before, however, your Committee give an opinion whether the objections arising from the increase of the City debt and the consequent augmentation of the annual tax outweigh the advantages which will flow from the contemplated improvements they beg leave to present a general view of the subject, with some facts which in their opinion are material to be brought under consideration to enable the Board to arrive at [87] a just conclusion.

"The only public Walks South of the great Military Parade ground are the Battery, the Park in front and the ground in the rear of the City Hall and St. John's Square opposite St. John's Church near Hudson Street. This last Walk belongs to Trinity Church and therefore is not strictly a public Walk, tho' it is not probable it will ever be applied to other purposes. The distance from the South line of the Grand Military Parade ground and the Western point of the Battery is about 3 miles. The distance from Fort Gansevoort to the same point is a little less than Two miles and an half. The distance from Corlaer's Hook to the Battery is about two miles and from Corlaer's. Hook to Fort Gansevoort about two miles and an half. The distance of St. John's Square to the Western point of the Battery is rather short of one mile and a quarter, and from the Park in the rear of the City Hall to the same point about three quarters of a mile. A Line drawn from the East to the North River one mile from the Battery passes through the Hospital yard. The population south of the Hospital Yard somewhat exceeds Forty Thousand.

"That part of our City which lies south [88] of the Grand Square or Parade ground contains probably from 2700 to 2750 acres,

and when it shall be compactly built upon will have a population rather exceeding 250,000 souls.

"For the purpose of ascertaining at what era a condensed population will extend to the Grand Square or Parade Ground, or in other words will amount to 250,000 the Committee have thought it proper to judge of the future by the past. This rule appeared the more likely to lead to a correct anticipation because our City, our State and our Country are in the vigor of youth. Its stride to manhood surpasses the most sanguine calculations. Every thing before us shews that we are to be one of the greatest of nations. Our wealth and resources keep pace with our increasing population; and the enterprize, the intellect and character of the American people are a guarantee that their national and public improvements will correspond in magnificence with the greatness & power of the Republic.

"To return to the question—when will our City contain 250,000 souls? Soon after the War of the Revolution our numbers were about 23,000. The census of 1790, the first which was taken under the General Government, gives 33,000.

[89] The Census of 1800 gives 60,000 and that taken in 1810 gives upwards of 96,000. Our population may be now calculated to increase 40,000 every Ten years, and that increase will augment with our augmented numbers. At present there are at least 125,000 and in 1820 there will be 135,000 Inhabitants. In 1830 there ought to be nearly 180,000; and the Committee think themselves justified in concluding that if the Almighty shall continue his favors to our City and to our nation the City of New York will in 26 years from this time contain 250,000 souls.

"In a free government, as ours is, its population constitutes its wealth as it does its strength. Hence in 1785 and 1786 the population of the City paid only an Annual Tax of $25,000. In 1792 and 1793 the taxes rose to $40,000 per year. In 1799 and 1800 it considerably exceeded $100,000. In 1807 it amounted to $129,000. In the year 1813, the first year of our late war with Great Britain, it exceeded $174,000. In 1817 it amounted, including the State Tax, to $374,311 $^{71}/_{100}$ and in the last year 1818, owing to the reduction of the State Tax to One instead of Two mills per dollar, the Tax upon this City was reduced to $340,994 $^{81}/_{100}$.

"Before your Committee close their statement [90] of facts upon which alone can be founded the calculations which must determine whether the City of New York is able to meet the expenditure called

for by the proposed improvements the Committee beg leave farther to state that by the report of the Special Committee appointed specially with reference to the Battery an expence on that object alone must be incurred little short of $120,000. By the report of the Street Commissioner to your Committee about $100,000 will be necessary to secure the ground at Corlaer's Hook so as to give to the Inhabitants forever a Walk looking up and down the East River. The land at Fort Gansevoort will not cost much, the title being chiefly in the Corporation. The right of the Corporation is proposed to be reserved. Your Committee estimate that the cost of enlarging the Battery and securing it permanently, of taking all the land required to be taken at Corlaer's Hook and of reserving and taking land at Fort Gansevoort, so as to give a Walk there of about 1200 feet, will altogether amount to $250,000.

"Your Committee farther state that the City Debt amounts to nearly $1000,000 which if the whole debt bore an interest of Seven per cent [91] would give an interest account against the City of $70,000 per annum.

"The Revenue of the City in 1808 was $57,830. In 1817 it was increased to $72,814 $^{6}/_{100}$. During the year 1818 it amounted to $91,262 $^{2}/_{100}$. The Revenue will probably continue to increase with the increase of the City. About the year 1823 it will be considerably greater than it now is, as many leases which are now at a low rent will then end and thenceforward produce a much higher income.

"Before the Committee conclude the detail which they have given, they beg leave to observe that most of the preceding estimates and calculations are not made with strict and accurate precision, nor so meant to be understood; but are intended to be sufficiently correct to enable the Board to act wisely upon the matter now under consideration.

"A general view of the subject is now before the Board. By the details that have been given every member is able to count the cost and say whether it can be paid. Some of your Committee have thought the expence too vast to be encountered. Others have thought that the property contiguous to these great Walks should be made to bear the whole expence. Others have [92] thought it should be a common expence borne by the Common funds of the City—And an opinion has been expressed that the expence should be met partly by the general fund and partly by a local Assessment upon the contiguous property. All however have agreed in this—that public

Walks contribute to the pleasure and health of the people and are an Ornament to a City. They agree too, that the points of land proposed to be taken are the most eligible of all others. Those points are at opposite and convenient distances from each other. The located spots will give great and useful public walks to our citizens when New York shall hold a rank among the first Cities of the world. The Battery may justly be considered one of the most elegant Walks that any City can boast of. It is the pride as it is the ornament of New York. Corlaer's Hook, tho' not equal to the Battery, falls little short of it either in the extent or beauty of its prospects. The site proposed to be taken above Fort Gansevoort will afford a considerable view of the North River and open to the eye of the Citizen an entire view of the Narrows. These three public Walks, the Battery, the Walk at Corlaer's Hook and that [93] upon the Hudson place New York beyond a rival in the splendour of her promenades.

"Already does our population class our City with the second rate cities of Europe. The revenue we carry into the National Purse, our Commerce and the tonnage of our ships place us among the first. The Committee believe the City to be able to carry into effect the proposed improvements and to meet the necessary expence—And they believe the Citizens will cheerfully unite their efforts, provided a due regard is shown to the general interests of the whole City.

"Under these impressions Your Committee respectfully recommend the following Resolutions:

"I. That the Board reserve all the land under water west of 10th Avenue from 14th to 19th Streets making a front of about 1200 feet for public purposes.

"II. That the Counsel be directed to take the necessary legal steps to vest in the Corporation the land and the land under water at Corlaer's Hook lying South of Grand Street and east of Corlaer's Street to the permanent lines for the like purpose.

"III. That application be made to the [94] Legislature to obtain a grant of their title to the lands of the Battery and the lands adjoining the same under water to an extent not exceeding 400 feet for the like purpose.

"IV. That application be made to the Legislature to raise the sum of $250,000 for the purpose of forthwith enlarging and completing the Battery agreeably to the plan adopted by the Board, and also for paying for the land and land under water to be taken at Corlaers' Hook to be hereafter improved as the Corporation shall direct—and

that the said sum be raised by Assessments upon the real and personal property in this City as follows:

$62,500 in 1819
62,500 in 1820
62,500 in 1821
62,500 in 1822

"V. That application be made to the Legislature to authorise the Corporation to borrow not exceeding the sum of Two hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of making the aforesaid public improvements and that the said annual sums of Sixty two thousand five hundred dollars be pledged to redeem [95] the same."

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) R. Riker
" G. Buckmaster
" Leonard Kip
" Samuel Akerly.

A motion was made to postpone the consideration of the same. The question being taken thereon and a Division called, the members voted as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldⁿ Morss McQueen Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Kip Parker Board Allen 9

Negative. Aldⁿ Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Schieffelin 9.

The Board being equally divided his Honor the Mayor gave his vote in the Negative—so the motion was lost.

The question was then taken on the first Resolution and a Division being called the members voted as follows:

[96] Affirmative. Mr. Recorder, Aldⁿ Mesier: King: Underhill: Van Amringe: Morss: McQueen: Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp: Munson. Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker: Board: Schieffelin: Allen.

So it was carried unanimously in the Affirmative.

The Second Resolution was then read and Mr. Stevens moved as an amendment to strike out after the words 'the land' the rest of the Resolution and to insert the words 'designated in the Commissioners' Map as the Military Square.'

The question being taken thereon and a Division called it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Ald. Underhill: Van Amringe Morss: McQueen Buck-

master: Taylor Thorp: Munson Messrs. Bolton: Kip Parker: Board Schieffelin: Allen

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King Mr. Stevens.

Mr. Stevens then moved as an amendment to add to the Resolution 'and also the land de- [97] signated on the Map of the Commissioners as the Military Square.'

The question being taken and a Division being called it passed in the Negative the Members voting as on the last question.

Mr. Schieffelin then moved as an amendment to add to the Resolution the following 'and that a law be requested from the Legislature 'to enable the Corporation to give up the military Square.'

The question being taken thereon and a Division called it past in the Negative all the members present voting in the Negative excepting Messrs. Board & Schieffelin who voted in Affirmative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Second Resolution & a division having been called it was carried in the affirmative as follows:

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Ald. Underhill: Buckmaster Thorp: Munson Messrs. Kip: Parker Board: Schieffelin Allen.

Negative. Ald^{n} Mesier: King Van Amringe: Morss M^{c}Queen: Taylor Messrs. Bolton: Stevens

The Third Resolution was then read and on the question of agreeing to the same it was [98] carried in the Affirmative.

The Fourth Resolution was read—when a motion was made to postpone the further consideration of the subject.

The question being taken thereon and a Division called the Members voted as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Morss M^{c}Queen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip

So it was carried in the Affirmative and the further consideration was postponed.

Alderman M^{c}Queen presented the following:

"Resolved that it be referred to a Committee to consider and report on the propriety of prohibiting the Sale of fruit on the sidewalks and if proper appointing a place where it may be sold."

Which was agreed to & referred to the Street Committee.

[99] Mr. Allen presented the following:

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to have a

bridge built over the South corner of the Corporation Slip near the Washington Market at the corner of Fulton and West Streets."

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 11th instant	23.29	
Recd for Tax 1818—1st 2d 5th 7th & 8th Wards	10,700.	
" " Vendue Sales	2500.	
" " Streets	1896.40	
" " Wells & Pumps	115.81	15,235.50

Accounts Audited.

J. R. Smith—Colors for the Regiment of Artillery	238.	
Ogden Edwards—drafting Sundry laws. &c	174.39	
John G. Betts—expences in the Weighmaster General's Office	139.37	
Editor of Mercantile Advertiser—Six months' subscription 1s inst	75.	
Jacob Morton—Index 34th Vol. Minutes	60.	
J. Anderson & W. Concklin—Watchmen—Witnesses at Sessions 13th instant	4.	
J. Smith & W. Kincaid—Watchmen—Witnesses at Sessions 11th & 12th ins	4.	
[100] Holly Waterbury Watchman Witness at Sessions—11th inst	2.	
John Stanley on account paving Crosby Street	200.	
John Sloan—on account regulating Wooster Street	200.	
Higgins & Parks—on account filling Rutgers' Slip	600.	
Benjamin Hills—on account filling Dey Street Basin	500.	
Peter M. Alison—balce 2d Instalment Pier at Oliver Street	650.	
Samuel Jones Jr. Award to open Fourth Street	4850.	
Israel Haviland—making & repring Engine hose from 28th May to 18 Dec. 1818	1268.17	
Richd Furman—Superintt Alms house for working 3d Avenue	1000.	
R. Furman—Supt of Alms' house for Alms house	2000.	11,964.93
	Balance	3270.57

Board adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[101] In Common Council Jan. 25. 1819:

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	David Board
Robert McQueen	Effingm Schieffelin
George Buckmaster	Stephen Allen
Jacob B. Taylor	
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Petition of John Simonson for a Stall in Spring Street Market; A Complaint against Bridget Lyons for exhibiting goods for sale on the Side Walks opposite No. 156 in Front Street; A petition of Andrew Hutton and Jacob Flager for permission to exchange Stalls, and a petition from John A. Martin for Stall No. 1 in Corlaer's Hook Market were severally [102] read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Letter was received from Silvanus Miller Esqr. stating that at the request of Mrs. Sarah Beekman and Mrs. Ann Payne he represented that for the improving and opening of Roosevelt Street from Cherry Street eastward ground was taken belonging to their Ward Miss Sarah B. Payne a Minor and an award therefor amounting to $9,255: that owing to the minority of the said Sarah B. Payne the said sum cannot now be paid over to the guardians: they therefore propose to the Corporation to make out a Certificate of the amount aforesaid to draw legal interest until the said infant shall arrive at the age of 21 years and then to be paid to the said infant or her guardians, the Certificate to remain in the possession of the Comptroller or other person appointed by the Corporation who shall be instructed to give a satisfactory explanation in writing of such trust to said guardians: that this arrangement will preclude the necessity of applying to the Supreme Court in relation to this claim and thereby avoid unnecessary delay and the loss of interest with costs. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

[103] His Honor the Mayor presented the Return of persons confined in the Bridewell as made by the Keeper. He merely observed that of those reported as confined there were but nine who were

charged with offences, the residue being vagrants or persons in confinement on sentence—A state of the prison highly honorable to the order and morality of the City. He also observed that in his visits to the Bridwell he had been perfectly satisfied with the cleanliness and order observed in the prison, in which in his opinion no prison he had ever visited excelled. The Return was ordered to be filed.

The presentment of the Grand Jury of the 15th instant, in which they presented the present regulations of the Stands of the Hackney Carriages and of the conduct of the Drivers as a Nuisance, was read and referred to Alderman King Messrs. Allen Parker

A petition of Le Grand Jarvis to be appointed a City Surveyor was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

[104] A Complaint from the Inhabitants of the Eighth Ward of the situation of the pumps in that Ward was read and referred to the Superintendant of Repairs with directions to attend immediately to redressing the evils complained of.

A Memorial was received from a Committee from the Governors of the New York Hospital stating that on the 1st instant there was due to the Hospital from the Corporation the sum of $11,880 14/100 for the care of lunatics sent to that Institution from the Alms House and requesting the same might be liquidated. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was received from John Young stating that a complaint had been lodged with the Attorney against a lad named John Stump for firing a pistol in a yard in the City: that the boy was a foreigner unacquainted with the laws and was living with him on trial; and praying that the proceedings against him may be dismissed. Whereupon it was resolved that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial was received from John Jacob Astor [105] and others, requesting the Corporation to sanction and further the views of the petitioners in an application to the Legislature for the appointment of Commissioners invested with powers to adjust the level of those streets, Avenues &c. in this City which have not yet been regulated and to make such models or plans as may enable the proprietors of real estate in this City to know how the present surface of their ground is situated with regard to the permanent regulations which are to be made. The same being read a motion was made to refer the same to a Committee. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. Adlerman King then moved a Resolution that it was inexpedient to comply with the request of the petitioners—which was agreed to. It was then Resolved that the subject matter of the proposed Memorial

to the Legislature be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to propose such measures thereon as they should judge expedient.

A Memorial was received from sundry Owners of lots in Frankfort Street, stating that they understood a petition was to be presented to the Board for opening Frankfort Street from Chatham Street to William Street, against which measure they begged [106] leave to enter their remonstrance. Whereupon the said Memorial was directed to be laid on the table until the coming in of said petition.

A Memorial was received from Sundry owners of lots in the vicinity of Washington Market stating that by the filling up of the Basin they experience a great want of accommodation for vessels at that place and praying that an extensive pier may be run out at the end of Vesey Street which if turned a few feet to the South from the West end of the Pier would make a safe and convenient place for vessels. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition of Peter M. Allison, praying payment of the balance of Contract due to him for erecting the pier at the foot of Oliver Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Henry Rutgers, William B. Crosby, Anna Bancker and John Withington in behalf of the Baptist Church was received stating that in the year 1813 the Heirs of Hendrick Rutgers adopted a plan for widening Henry and Bancker Streets eight feet on each side [107] which improvement extends between Montgomery and Catharine Streets, a Map of which is on file in the Register's Office: that it is now in the power of the Corporation to make a great saving to the Inhabitants when those improvements are made by now reserving for public use eight feet of the ground in Fayette Street about to be improved on each side of Henry Street and on the North side of Bancker Street, and praying that measures may be taken accordingly. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Dunbar Sloan was received stating that from unforeseen events he had been reduced from respectable circumstances to indigence and had been compelled to take shelter from absolute want in the Alms' house: that for Two years past he has been employed as a Teacher and praying to be allowed some compensation therefor to be enabled to procure for himself some decent cloathing and to make his declining years somewhat comfortable. Whereupon the same was referred to the Alms' House Committee.

A Petition of Hermanus A. Veeder for Appointment of Inspector

of Firewood in the Yards was referred [108] to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition of John Weeden and Samuel Hutching, Street Inspectors, praying for reasons stated in their Memorial an increase of their salary, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A farther petition of Robert Latimer praying remission of a fine for not having Rates in his Hackney Carriage alledging that the same occurred from the malice toward him of his Driver whom he had just discharged, was read and referred to the Attorney with authority, on the facts appearing as stated in the petition to remit the fine on payment of costs.

A petition from sundry Lessees of lots in Harman Street, praying the Corporation will defer the opening of said Street for One year from the 1st of May next was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A proposition from Charles G. Foster on the subject of lighting a portion of the City with Gas Light was read and referred to the Committee on Arts & Sciences.

[109] The Comptroller presented the following Report of the Sales of 21 lots of ground belonging to the Corporation at the North River between Dey & Fulton Streets on the 21st instant—which was directed to be filed—Viz:—

No 1.	Dey Street.....	Leonard Kip	$6100.
2	do.	do.	5160.
3.	do	Philip Brasher	4800.
4	do.	do.	4260.
5	do.	Philip Hone	3600.
6	do	William H. Ireland.....	3760.
7	do.	William Howard	3660.
8	West Street.....	John Suydam	6540.
9	do.	do.	4280.
10	do	John Van Bussum	4780.
11	do	George Lorillard	4300.
12	do	Isaac Concklin	5700.
13	do	do	11,000.
15	Fulton Street.....	Philip Hone	7200.
16	do	Joseph Newton	6700.
17	do.	Charles Dennison	6600.
18	do.	Abraham Valentine	7100.
19	do.	Peter Embury	7000.
20	do.	Garritt Storm	7100.
21	do.	Philip Brasher	7100.
22	do	do.	10,400.
			$127,140.

[110] The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following:—

"Application has been made to the Committee of the Fire Department for the purchase of Engine No. 16. Your Committee with the Chief Engineer have taken the same into consideration and recommend the sale of the aforesaid Engine: beg leave to offer the following Resolution:—

"Resolved that the Chief Engineer be authorised to sell Engine No. 16 for Five hundred Dollars."

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Robert McQueen

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Street Commissioner presented the following Ordinances. which were passed—Viz—for filling and regulating Dey Street from Washington to West Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and John Brown[er] were appointed Assessors; and one for regulating Varick Street from Van Dam Street to Clarkson Street, and Abraham Bloodgood, John Targee and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for cor- [111] rection of sundry Nuisances which were passed.

1	James Hart	Occ.	86	Front Street	A Lot
2	Martin Fury	do	88	do	do
3	P. Lorillard R. Duryee	Own. Occ.	85	Water Street	A Privy
4	P. Lorillard Joshia L. Dias	Own. Occ.	87	do	do
5	H. S. Belden	Les. & Occ.	44	Front Street.	do
6	J. Schermerhorn Panton & Wood	Own. Occ.	60	do	do
7	John Johnson	Own. & Occ.	65	do	do
8	C. Boyd	do. & do.	67	do	do
9	John Brown.	Les. & Occ.	68	do	do
10	John Jones, Agent to estate of Jno. Jones dec[d] George B. Rapelye	Occ.	76	do	do
11	Jno. Jones—Agent to estate of Jno. Jones dec[d] James Ferris	Occ.	78	do	do
12	Alex[r] Ming	Own. & Occ.	84	do	do

13	P. Lorillard	Own.	86 Front Street.	A Privy
	James Hart	Occ		
14	P. Lorillard	Own.	88 do	do
	Martin Fury	Occ.		

(signed) George Cuming City Inspector.

[112] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies:—

"Fire Engine Company No. 31."

Samuel Williams—Carpenter—216 Church St. 5th ward—vice Moses Marsh Resigned

Samuel Roome—Carpenter—39 Provost St. 5 ward vice John Dennis—Resigned.

The Committee on Laws, to whom was referred the petition of John Hopper, reported:—

"That from the best information they can obtain the said gore has been used as street upwards of fifty years: That by the Act to regulate Highways all roads and highways which have been used as such for Twenty years prior to the 21st day of March 1797 shall be deemed public Roads and Highways. Your Committee therefore, believe that whatever title Mr. Hopper may have had to said gore it is now extinguished by the Statute."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

On Motion Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed immediately to take measures for the [113] removal of the incumbrances on Bridge Street.

The Battery Committee, on the petition of D. D. Tompkins & others, reported:—

"That your Committee cannot learn from any Document on file the circumstances under which the old Boat-house in question was built—but are inclined to think from what they learn from some of the said proprietors of papers and others that it was originally erected at the joint expence of those who have heretofore occupied it. Also your Committee understood, and believe such was the understanding of the Board at the time the Report on William Van Beuren's petition was adopted, that the consent then given to erect a new Boat House was on condition that the Old one should be prostrated and that the

new one should be a complete substitute as to all persons interested in the Old House. Your Committee beg leave farther to observe that as the area or surface of Water under the new building is more spacious than that under the old. and as all parties—towit Revenue Officers, Health Officers and Printers were comfortably accommodated with room for their respective boats, they can see no reason why the same accommodation should not [114] be afforded under the new building, provided the parties as heretofore would only come to an understanding with each other. Your Committee therefore think it inexpedient to grant the request for the continuance of said Old Boat House and recommend the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved that the Old Boat House be removed on or before the day of April next, and that the Street Commissioner attend to the removal of the same.

"Resolved that those interested in the Materials be permitted to take and carry away the same."

(signed) Peter Mesier
" Jacob B. Taylor
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Stevens
" John Morss

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the petition of sundry dyers and hatters, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration, and it was resolved that the Attorney be directed not to commence any suits on the law until [115] the further order of the Board.

A Resolution was presented proposing an Amendment to the law respecting the Sale of Crabs prohibiting their being sold in the Streets between the 1st of December and the 25th March—which was referred to the Market Committee.

The Report of the Committee on the subject of an Application to the Legislature to authorise the Corporation to insure against losses by fire was called up. On motion to consider the same it was agreed to. The same being read was in the words following:—

"That they have communicated their proposition to the different Fire Insurance Companies on the subject of uniting with the Corporation in an Application to the Legislature to levy a tax of Ten thousand Dollars on the different Offices and have received for answer that it is not expedient to accede to the same.

They therefore farther report

"That by referring to the accounts of the Comptroller for the

last six years it appears that in the Fire Department the sum of $73,903.45 has been expended, making an annual average expenditure of $12,951.77: That in the Watch [116] Department, during the same period, the sum of $302,687.53 has been expended, making an annual average expenditure of $50,447.92—and That in the Lamp Department the sum of $20,316.60 has been expended the last year—forming together the annual sum of $83,716.29: That these Three Departments are intimately connected with each other, for if the City is well watched and lighted, beside giving security to the persons and property of our fellow citizens, many of those calamities will be avoided which proceed from incendiaries as well as the carelessness of many by arresting the flames before they have acquired a considerable ascendancy.

"In a review of the present system it appears to be wholly conducted on erroneous principles. The Corporation by a tax on their fellow citizens furnish nearly the whole of the apparatus for extinguishing of fires. Another class voluntarily give their personal services by which a number are called upon more frequently to discharge the duties of Jurors, and the emoluments arising from Insurance are put into the pockets of those who hold stock in the different companies now incorporated.

[117] "The growing importance of our City and the immense sum with which its Inhabitants are taxed to defray the ordinary expences force upon your Committee the necessity of providing the ways and means to relieve their constituents from a portion of these burthens, and on a full consideration of the whole subject they deem an Application to the Legislature to authorise this Corporation to open an Insurance Company to ensure real and personal estate in the City and County of New York as affording the means of accomplishing in part this purpose.

"By a reference to the Books of the Assessors it appears that the real estate may be estimated at $59,827,285, and the personal estate at $20,426,806, from which it may be estimated that the property properly the subject of Insurance may amount to the sum of $40,000,000, the average rate of Insurance on which, estimated at ½ per cent, would produce the sum of $200,000, in which the office opened by the Corporation would come in for a full proportion of the public patronage in competition with the present Insurance Companies.

"There are strong considerations to induce your Committee to believe that a preference would [118] be given to insurance in the office the Corporation should establish. 1st as the faith of the whole

City and County would be pledged for a re-imbursement in case of loss or damage by fire—: 2dly Every insurer would to the amount of his premium beside obtaining security by that very act diminish his taxes: 3dly Greater vigilance to prevent fires would be called into operation not only against the fire-brand of the incendiary but as to the innumerous acts of negligence now furnishing so copious a source of these calamities.

"To these views of your Committee they believe not a solid objection can be urged, and if those that may be urged be carefully examined they may be traced, they apprehend, to motives of personal interest.

"They therefore confidently recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the application for permission to open such an Insurance Company shall be made under the direction of this Corporation and that the Counsel be directed to draw a Bill to be forwarded with their application comprising this object."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Reuben Munson
" David Board

[119] On the question of agreeing to the Resolution the ayes & nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster the Members voted as follows:

Alderman King requested to be excused from voting, as holding Stock in Insurance Companies he considered himself interested in the decision of the question. On the question of excusing Alderman King it passed in the negative.

The votes on the division were as follows:

Negative. Alderman Mesier Underhill Morss Buckmaster Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Parker Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Alderman King Van Amringe McQueen Taylor Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board

So it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Taylor gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Board move for a reconsideration.

[120] Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Whereas it is provided, among other things, by the Twelfth Rule of this Board that no member of the Board shall vote on any question in which he shall be immediately interested Therefore Resolved that the Members of this Board who are the owners of stock in any of the

chartered Insurance Companies. in this City, are interested in the question now before the Board within the spirit and meaning of the above rule."

Which was agreed to.

The following was presented and agreed to:

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to enquire into the propriety of petitioning the Legislature for a Law to authorise this Board to collect any fines or penalties ordained by this Board not exceeding Twenty five dollars in a summary manner."

The following was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Committee on Laws be instructed to enquire if the Officers of this Board have complied with the Resolutions of [121] this Board in relation to their several offices, and also to enquire whether any of the offices, officers or persons in the employ of this Board may be dispensed with without injury, and to report the same to the Board."

Resolved that the Board will on Tuesday the 2d of February make the Quarterly visitation of the Alms' house and Penitentiary at Bellevue.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury 18th inst	3270.57	
Received for Common Lands	32,094.	
" " Tax of 1818—8th & 10th Wards	1500.	
" " Streets	1725.16	
" " Wells & Pumps	146.13	
" " Arrears of Tax	500.	
" " Commutation Aliens	411.	
" " Mayoralty fees	69.75	39,716.61

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do	462.
[122] John McComb, St. Commissioner 1 quarter's Salary 12th instant	500.
Benjamin Crane—Stationary—6 months to 1st instant	144.62
Peter Burtsell—Chamberlain's Stationary	45.62
Edward W. Laight & other Commissionrs and Attorney for opening Varick St	315.52
Hugh Smith—balance for paving Bowling Green Street	213.14
Stephen Ludlum, Surveys, Maps &c. 18th Feb. 1818 to 1st Jany. 1819	394.11
Frederick Yoemans—on account regulating Mercer Street	200.

John Sloan—on account regulating Wooster Street.....	200.	
Robert Latimer—Work done on 12th Street & upper end Greenwich Street	120.	
Benjamin Hills—on account filling Dey Street Basin.....	2000.	
Higgins & Parks—on account filling Rutgers' Slip.....	600.	
John McComb St. Commissioner for earth to fill block at Charlton Street	500.	
[123] J. McComb—Street Commissioner balance for earth at Charlton St.....	111.80	
Thomas McCready—for services at the block between Charlton & King Sts.....	25.25	
Mechanics' Bank—Bond $8000. & interest—26 days @ 6 per cent.....	8034.67	
Simon Remsen—Interest on 2 Bonds—1 year to 15th interest	369.86	
Jac. P. Roome—Superintt of Repairs for repairs.....	800.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Repairs for building Engine houses Nos. 20. 28 Masons' Bills.....	500.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Repairs for Lamp Department	250.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' house.....	10,000.	27,611.84
	Balance	12,104.77

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock.

[124] Blank.

[125] In Common Council Feb. 1. 1819.

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor. President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
William F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingham Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of John Van Sicklen on the subject of a Kitchen said to be against the Fire Law was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A petition of John Randel Jr. praying for reasons stated in his Memorial that time may be given him until the 1st of December next [126] for completion of Maps of Manhattan Island to be made by

him and by his Contract to be delivered on the 1st of May next, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was also received from J. Randel Jr. praying for payment of Nine Maps in part of the above Contract, which was also referred to the same Committee.

A petition of sundry persons praying the repeal of the Law regulating the Sale of Crabs was read and referred to the Market Committee.

A memorial of the Female Assistance Society praying some pecuniary aid was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Memorial from Parcells and Armstrong in behalf of the Contractors for filling in and regulating certain streets in Greenwich Village Viz—Perry street, Charles street, Washington street, Amos Street, Herring street and Asylum Street, stating that they conceive a considerable balance is due to the Contractors on those streets notwithstanding it has been [127] stated by the Street Commissioner that a mistake was made in the calculation, and praying the said amount may be paid to them, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from the Inspectors of Manure stating certain amendments that are requisite in the law regulating the Inspection of Manure —was read and referred to the Committee on Laws with a request to send for the Inspectors for information on the subject.

A petition of Jane Raymond, praying on account of her indigent circumstances for relief from payment of an Assessment for a Well and pump in Church Street, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A petition of Edward Elmendorf, Clerk in Chancery, for a room in the Hall for an Office and for a safe deposit for the public papers in his office, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of John Van Wagenen for appointment as Inspector of Lime, and of John [128] Rogers for appointment as an Overseer in the Alms' house and Bridewell—were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Jane Brown for permission to sell fruit at the lower end of the Park was read and referred to the Committee on Public Lands and places with authority to grant the prayer of the petition.

A recommendation for the remission of a fine incurred by Benjamin Wood for neglecting an Ordinance respecting a Nuisance was referred to the City Inspector with authority to remit the penalty.

A petition of Thompson Price for remission of fine under the law relative to incumbering the streets was presented. The same was read—whereupon the same was remitted on payment of costs.

A petition from Eve Bunce praying further time for payment of an Assessment for the Basin to be constructed between Oliver Street. and Catharine Slip was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[129] A petition from James Edmonstone, paying licence as a Weigher of Hay and that a Hay Scale be established at Chatham Square, was read and leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A Memorial from sundry owners and residents in Harman Street, praying the Corporation will delay the opening of said Street for one year, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Memorial from certain Owners of land lying within the parcel of land included within the Tract denominated on the Map of the Commissioners for laying out Streets and Roads as the Military Square, that the Corporation would either determine to take and pay for the same or abandon the same to the proprietors, was presented and read. On a motion to lay the same on the Table it passed in the Negative. It was then on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places.

A petition for a Well and pump at the corner of Spring and Orange Streets was read & referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

[130] The Street Commissioner presented a Communication, recommending the regulation of certain Streets—Viz. Dey Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead, Washington Street from Dey Street to Fulton Street, West Street from Dey Street to Fulton Street and so much of Fulton Street as may be necessary to conform to the above—Which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also recommended the regulation and paving of Cedar Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulk[h]ead, of Washington Street from Cedar Street to Carlisle Street and so much of Greenwich and Thames Streets as may be necessary to conform to the above regulations—which was also referred to the Street Committee with a request to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company."

No. 7.

John B. Corse, Tailor, 342 Pearl St. 4th Ward vice John Hitchcock, Resigned.

[131] The Chief Engineer stated that the ground on which Engine house No. 2 was placed belonged to the Methodist Church: that they

were desirous the same should be removed, but would give other ground provided the Corporation would pay one half of the expence of erecting a vault at their church for the Interment of the dead. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Chief Engineer reported that agreeably to the order of the Board he had sold Engine No. 16 for $500 and had paid the same to the City Treasurer; that as Company No. 16 is now destitute of an Engine he recommended the supplying the Company with a new Engine. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances—which were passed:

1	R Jaques	Les.	3	Water Street	a	Privy
	S. Crane	Occ.				
2	M. Price	Own.	4	do		do
	M. Stephenson	Occ.				
3.	[132] John Ball	Own.	3	Moore Street		do
	E. Matchet	Occ.				
4	Wm E. Matthews	Own. & Occ.	5	do		do
5	P. McGee	do do	24	do		do
6	Jno. Delancy	Own.	28	do		do
	L. Concklin	Occ.				
7	T. Ellison	Own.	31	do		do
	T. Johnson	Occ.				
8	R. Jaques	Les.	4	Front Street		do
	M. Decker	Occ.				
9	Jehiel Jaggar	Agt.	8	do		do
	M. Goodwin	Occ.				
10	Jehiel Jaggar	Agt.	9	do		do
	Jas. Patterson	Occ.				
11	Jehiel Jaggar	Agt.	10	do		do
	T. Van Brunt	Occ.				
12	M. Dissosway, Executor to E. Dissosway deceased		12	do		do
	R. P. Bell	Occ.				
13	Jno. Delafield	Own.	26	do		do
	C. Curtis	Occ.				

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[133] The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Daniel Codwise, Reported:

"That they have carefully enquired in the matter set forth in said Memorial and that they are of opinion that the statement is substantially true. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the sum of $21.50 assessed on James Codwise be remitted and that the Clerk of the Common Council give notice to the Collector of the Eighth Ward."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Shivers Parker
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the petition of John J. Astor & others, reported:—

"That in the opinion of your Committee the subject is one of great importance and requires that immediate and decisive measures should be taken to counteract the effects which may be produced on the minds of the Legislature by the Memorial alluded to. The evils which would grow out of a measure that shall take [134] from the Corporation the power of completing the plans for the permanent regulation of the Streets and Avenues on which so much time and money have been already expended and which are in some instances carried into effect, are incalculable—for it is not only the loss of the money already expended which is to be feared, but the theoretic notions of the new Commissioners may probably clash with the experience and practical knowledge of those who have made the subject a study of many years, and all that has been done must be demolished to meet their views—by which not only an expence that cannot easily be estimated would be incurred but confusion and disorder be the consequence.

"The Committee are unable to conceive the motives which have induced the application alluded to, and were it not for the known intelligence and respectability of the gentlemen concerned they should be ready to attribute them to something more than public good or general utility—for is it to be credited that with a knowledge of the large sums expended by the Corporation in obtaining [135] the elevations of the several monuments which designate the courses of the Avenues and streets and in making a map on which such elevations are to be

marked, and that two Surveyors are now actively employed in taking profiles of the Streets as far up as 25th Street from which is to be prepared a Model (also in progress) shewing distinctly the elevations and depressions of all the Streets and Avenues in that part of the City, that these gentlemen can with proper views attempt to impress the Legislature with a belief that nothing has been effected in relation to this important object?

"The Committee are constrained to enter their united protest against the measure applied for by the Memorialists, and therefore recommend that a respectful remonstrance be presented to the Legislature, on behalf of the Corporation, pointing out the evils that will result to the Community should the plans already in operation be destroyed—and they present the following Resolution accordingly

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board, in conjunction with the Street Commissioner, be instructed to prepare a remonstrance to the Legislature against the Memorial and petition of [136] John Jacob Astor and others praying that Commissioners be appointed to regulate and adjust the levels of the Streets and Avenues not already regulated, and that they report such remonstrance to the Board for their sanction at their next meeting."

(signed)	Stephen Allen
"	W. F. Van Amringe
"	Peter Mesier
"	Reuben Munson
"	John Morss
"	George Buckmaster
"	E. W. King

which was agreed to and the Resolution adopted.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Comptroller on the petition of Henry Ward, reported:

"That in the opinion of your Committee Mr. Ward is not bound to pay the Assessment imposed on him by the Assessors of the Second Ward, inasmuch as he actually resided in the first Ward at the time of his being Assessed there and has since paid to the Collector the amount of tax required of him, and that the circumstances of his after [137] removal to the Second Ward cannot in justice subject him to a second Assessment. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution

"Resolved that the Comptroller instruct the Collector of the

Second Ward to return the amount of Tax Assessed on Henry Ward as an error of Assessment."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Same Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of Silvanus Miller on the Award to Sarah B. Payne, Reported:

"That in their opinion no other legal disposition can be made of the money than that pointed out by law which in substance declares that the sums awarded to persons under the age of Twenty one years shall be paid into the Supreme Court of Judicature to be secured, disposed of and improved as the said Court shall direct. The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the request contained in the Communication [138] above alluded to."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Recorder moved that the Report of the Committee of the 18th of January for taking a point of land at Corlaer's Hook and at Fort Gansevoort and for enlarging the Battery be now considered.

On the question of agreeing to the same it passed in the Negative.

It was then moved that the Report of the Committee on Applications to the Legislature of the 28th December be now considered—which was agreed to.

The Report being under consideration, Mr. Allen withdrew the amendment which he had proposed at a former meeting (the consideration of which had been postponed) and proposed the following amendment:

——— "as follows, on the real estate in the 1st Ward 2½ mills on every dollar: on the real estate in the 2d ward 1¾ mills on [139] every dollar: on the real estate in the 3d Ward 1¾ mills on every dollar: on the real estate in the 4th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 5th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 6th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 7th Ward 1 mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 8th Ward

½ a mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 9th Ward ¼ of a mill on every dollar: on the real estate in the 10th Ward ½ a mill on every dollar: and that the said Supervisors assess on the personal estate in said City such sum as will complete the whole amount required for the purposes aforesaid."

The question having been taken thereon and the yeas & nays called by Alderman Buckmaster, the members voted as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King Underhill: Van Amringe Morss: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens Kip: Schieffelin

Affirmative Ald. McQueen: Buckmaster Munson. Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Parker: Board Allen.

So the question was lost.

[140] Mr. Allen then moved to strike out and insert 'and forming a promenade at Corlaer's Hook.'

The ayes and nays having been called by Mr. Allen it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier: King Van Amringe Morss McQueen Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens, Kip Schieffelin

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Allen.

Mr. Parker then moved to insert after the word Battery 'and also for the purpose of paying for the property composing the Military Square.'

The Ayes and Nays having been called by the Recorder, Mr. Schieffelin having at his own request been excused from voting he having an interest in the lands of the Military Square, the question was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

[141] Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Taylor Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony.

It was then moved that the subject be referred to the Committee on Public Lands & Places. It was moved as an amendment that the Committee of which the Recorder is Chairman be added. On the question of agreeing to the same, the Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier: King Underhill: Vn Amringe Morss: Taylor Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Schieffelin: Allen

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldⁿ McQueen: *Muckbaster* [Buckmaster] Thorp: Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Parker: Board

[142] A motion was then made and the question taken on referring it to the Committee on Public Lands & Places and to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature with the addition of Mr. Stevens and agreed to

Mr. Stevens moved a Resolution that Gurdon Manwaring be reappointed a City Weigher.

Mr. Bolton moved that the name of William Harriman be added to the Resolution—which was agreed to.

It was moved that the name of Lewis Angevine be also added.

A motion was then made for adjournment and carried.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 25th January		$12,104.77
Received for Rents		1185.50
" " Common Lands		9.
" " Tax 1818—1d 2d 3d 7th 8th Wards		13,000.
" " Fire Department Engine No 16		500.
" " Streets		1593.70
" " Wells & Pumps		41.95
		28,434.92

[143] Accounts Audited.

J. Morton—Clerk—1 quarter's Salary 1 Feb. $312.50—Bad Bills $8	320.50
Wm Hoghland—Keeper of Penitentiary & 3 Assistants 1 qr. 1st instant	587.50
G. Sickels—Keeper of City Prison & 2 Assistants 1 qr. 1st instant	350.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Obadiah Ayres—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Samuel Hutchings Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant	52.
Astin and Cochrane—Messengers 1 month 1st instant	60.
Danl H. Magee—Keeper Pottersfield 1 month 1st instant	46.50
N. Philips—6 mo. subscription National Advocate 1st instant	75.
Chs. Del Vecchio—framing Clertificate relating to Capt. Lawrence deceased	30.
[144] Borden Chase for 6 Casks Oil	804.88
G. Snethen—Sups & lights Lamps—1 month 1st instant	767.39
Danl. Biggs—Work at lamps—1 qr. 1st inst	34.24
Jno. Williams on act regs Green St	500.
Chs. Mooney do. do. Collect St	400.
John Bailey—repairing Pearl St. between Cross & Elm Streets	250.

Frederick Yoemans—on account regulating Mercer Street..	200.	
Thomas and George Lovett—Award for Bancker Street...	67.	
W. Fish—Treasurer—to pay Twenty sixth Dividend City Stock due 1st instant.....	12,000.	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms house.....	5,000.	21,701.01
	Balance	$6.733.91

Adjourned to meet at Bellevue tomorrow at One o'clock.

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[145] Bellevue—In Common Council Feb. 2, 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

Mr. Stevens moved that the Board proceed to act on the Resolution presented by him for the appointment of Gurdon Manwaring as Weighmaster and the amendment for adding the name of Wm Harriman to the Resolution. While the same was under consideration a motion was made for an adjournment and carried.

The Board then proceeded to visit the several Departments of the Bellevue Establishment and

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

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[146] In Common Council Feb. 8. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elsha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Effingh[m] Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition of John Brown for remission of fine incurred by driving a Cart without being numbered was read and fine remitted without costs.

A petition of Isaac and Joseph Valentine requesting that in the proposed sale of the [147] Hay Scales the condition may be that if not purchased by the present lessees the purchasers may be obliged to pay for the Scales to the present Lessees, was read and leave given petitioners to withdraw their petitioners.

A petition from Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights & Measures, stating that he was at considerable expence in examining the Beams and Measures for which he had no compensation excepting the penalty which produced but little and praying the interference of the Board—was read; whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Weighmasters.

A petition of Hugh McCormick, praying relief respecting a claim now made on him for Tax on No. 56 Ferry Street for years 1812 & 1813, believing he has already paid the same, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition of Sundry Inhabitants praying that Frankfort Street may be widened on the North side of said street from Chatham to William Street. A Remonstrance against said measure which was presented at the [148] last meeting and laid on the table was now called up and together with the petition referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from John McComb for permission to construct a vault

in front of his lot in Washington Street between Duane and Jay Streets, was read and granted on the usual terms.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants that Grand Street may be continued to Sullivan Street and that Thompson Street be extended from Vestry to Canal Street, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Leonard Toms for relief from a fine incurred by selling liquor without licence, was read & leave given petitioner to withdraw his petition.

A petition of Whitehead Hicks and Michael M. Titus, stating that a complaint had been made against them for having a pile of boards in Water Street between Pike & Market Streets: that said [149] boards were piled under the direction of Mr. Weeden one of the Street Inspectors—and praying relief, was read and referred to the attorney with authority to remit.

A petition of Francis Wunnenburg for an appointment to some office and of John Price to be appointed Keeper of Potters' field were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

An application was received from Gouverneur Kemble in behalf of the West Point Foundry Association, offering to supply to the Corporation Cast Iron Railing to be placed around the Park & Battery—and referred to the Committee on Repairs.

A petition of James Lowerre to rent the Slip or Basin on the West side of the City at the foot of Canal Street offering therefor the sum of $500 per annum for 8 or 10 years or $400 per annum for the same until the same is devoted by the Corporation to public use, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from L. & Joseph Webb was received, [150] stating that under the expectation that the permanent Sewer would be carried through Hamersley Street where the Drain now is they had taken out their Water grant at the foot of Clarkson Street and made ground at the expence of $13000 for the purposes of a Ship yard. They therefore pray that the permanent sewer may not be carried thro' Clarkson Street but may be carried thro' Hamersley Street. Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Greenwich Village.

A petition from sundry Owners of lots in Harman Street praying that the improvement of opening said street may be carried into effect after the 1st of May next, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from Nathaniel & Harvey Weed and Benjamin Bailey, praying that Greenwich Street in front of Albany Basin and that Cedar

Street be regulated agreeably to the survey made prior to the sale of the property at that place, was read & laid on the Table.

[151] The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies: viz.

Fire Engine Companies.

No. 6.

James Sharp—Mason. No. 3 Thomas St. 5th Ward vice Conrad Brooks—Resigned

No. 15.

Jas. B. Ackerman—Chair Maker 91 Murray St. 6th Ward vice John Hyer. Resigned.

No. 40.

Oliver Edwards—Chair Maker 150 Grand St. 10th Ward vice Thomas Harrison—Resigned.

Henry H. Traver, Carman, 231 Mulberry St. 8th Ward vice Oliver Secor, Removed.

Lewis Singer—Ship Wright—67 Forsythe St. 10th Ward vice Adam Thompson, Resigned.

Davd W. Reymer—Accountant—64 Forsythe St. 10th Ward vice Robt. McFarran, Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of Sundry Nuisances, which were passed: viz.

1	Benj. W. Coles Heny. Johnson	Own. Occ.	49	Pearl Street	a Lot
2	Mrs. O'Neil Jas. Sergeant	Own. Occ.	16	Orchard Street	a Privy
3	[152] C. H. Dall Thos. Palmer	Own. Occ.	45	Anthony St.	do
4	Andrew Ogden Chs. Debost	Own. Occ.	103	William St.	do
5	Kinnan & Mead	Own. & Occ.	93	Broad St.	do
6	Owen Murphy M. Sexton	Les. Occ.	38	Pearl St.	do
7	Thos. A. Morris Owen Murphy	Own. Les. & Occ.	48	do	do
8	Owen Murphy John Hull	Les. Occ.	50	do	do
9	Owen Murphy	Les. & Occ.	51	do	do

10	Jno. Y. Zebra	Les.	56	Pearl St.	a Privy
	Mary Rutherford	Occ.			
11	Wm & Abm Lester	Own.	63	do	do
	S. Garland	Occ.			
12	L. Noe	Own.	64	do	do
	Mrs. C. W. Noyes	Occ.			
13	John Heyer—Executor to estate of John Gardner		71	do	do
	George Long	Occ.			

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

[153] The Street Commissioner presented the following Return of Delinquents on Assessment and Warrants were ordered to issue to the Collector for collecting the same. viz.

For regulating	Perry Street	$226.17
do.	Washington Street	293.47
do.	Asylum Street	182.65
do.	Hudson Street	20.37
do.	Charles Street	159.38½
do.	Amos Street	13.01
do.	Hammond Street	56.47
do.	Greenwich Street	1080.38
For Curbing	Washington Street	621.
For a Well & Pump in	King Street	4.
do. do.	Laight Street	7.
do. do.	Vandam Street	7.
do. do.		
For regulating & paving	Sixth Street	160.23
For repaving	James Street	5.13
do.	Provost Street	30.03
do.	Roosevelt Street	93.57

(signed) John McComb
Street Commissioner

[154] The Street Commissioner presented a communication recommending permission to be given to erect Lime houses in all streets of 50 feet wide and upwards from this time and to be a general privilege from and after the 1st of March provided the Buildings are actually progressing. Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 3d Ward with authority to grant permission to erect Lime-houses within that Ward.

He also presented the following Ordinances, which were passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed assessors in each. Viz. for regulating and paving Albany

Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead; Cedar Street from Greenwich Street to the Bulkhead; Washington Street from Cedar Street to Carlisle Street, and Greenwich Street from Albany Street to Cedar Street.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Spring Street near the junction of Orange & Spring Streets—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Bau- [155] douine and John Brower were appointed assessors.

The Counsel submitted for execution the following Deeds for lots of land upon the Block near Washington Market—which were directed to be duly executed: Viz.

A Deed to Leonard Kip & Henry E. Ingraham for Lots Nos. 1 & 2.

A Deed to William H. and Joseph Ireland for Lot No. 6.

A Deed to Joseph Newton for Lot No. 16.

He also presented a Communication, stating that the Report of the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment on Harman, Grand & Carmine Streets and on Avenue 'D' have been confirmed by the Supreme Court and he recommended that Collectors be appointed to collect the assessments in such of the cases as it is intended shall be carried into effect on the 1st of May—Which Report was ordered to be filed. It was afterwards ordered that the subject of Harman, Grand and Carmine Streets be referred to the Street Committee and that of Avenue 'D' to the Road Committee.

[156] He also presented the draught of a Memorial and Remonstrance to the Legislature upon the subject of regulating Streets which he had prepared in conjunction with the Street Commissioner agreeably to the order of the Board—which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to insert in said Memorial the further steps which the Common Council had taken in relation to the regulation of the Streets and Roads by causing a model in wood to be constructed giving the heights, levels and courses of the Streets as contemplated to be improved. The same Committee were authorized to cause the said Memorial to be authenticated during the recess of the Board and to be transmitted to the Legislature.

The Committee on Public Lands & Places and the Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom jointly were referred the First Resolution of the Report of the last mentioned Committee made on the 28th of December last and the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Parker and also the Memorial of the Owners and Representatives

of owners of Lands lying in the Military [157] Square complaining of the neglect of the Corporation in not complying with the views of the Legislature and praying them to purchase the same or, if more desirable, to concur in an Application to the Legislature for permission to abandon the same, Report

"That their attention has been frequently engaged in examining the subjects referred to them and that they find both highly deserving nay requiring the immediate attention of the Corporation. The injury done to the Battery by the storm in December last has been so extensive and has so effectually ruined the whole front line as to render the erection of an entire new Bulkhead indispensible; and as enlarging the area of the Battery at the same time will contribute essentially not only to the improvement of the City but promote the convenience and comfort of the citizens to a degree infinitely beyond the expence, your Committee cannot but approve of the Report and plan in relation to this subject presented by the Battery Committee and adopted by the Board.

"With respect to the Military Square your Committee, notwithstanding they acknowledge the justness of the claim of the Memorialists and feel in a measure the hardships represented, still [158] they think the propriety of the views of the Corporation in not having relieved them before are animadverted on with rather too much asperity. The necessity of extinguishing as soon as possible the rights of individuals in the places and squares laid down by the Commissioners appointed by the Act of 1807 has more or less occupied the attention of the Corporation since the filing on record their Map, and though no particular scheme of finance to effect the object has been proposed still great solicitude to relieve the Memorialists and those similarly situated has always been expressed by every member of the Board.

Had the funds of the Corporation been adequate no complaint would have been heard and the powers contained in said Act would have been executed within the period contemplated perhaps by the Legislature. But now, however, your Committee think this subject ought to be attended to, and as the claims for relief by the proprietors of the Military Square are so just and so earnestly made they would suggest the policy of an immediate endeavour to satisfy them.

Notwithstanding a considerable reduction [159] has been authorized by the Legislature of this parade still your Committee are persuaded a further curtailment may be made without prejudicing in the least the convenience of this spot for military exercise. The Square

contains at present about 89 Acres and if reduced on the plan proposed by one of the subjoined Resolutions to somewhat about 57 acres, it will yet answer every purpose contemplated by the Commissioners: and as the amount required to make the purchase will thereby be brought more within the reach of the ability of the Corporation, your Committee beg leave to recommend the measure.

"The sum to effect these important objects must necessarily be very considerable as *as* our taxes are perhaps already sufficiently burthensome, your Committee have concluded it would be more advisable to raise gradually a fund for this purpose by a small additional Tax on real & personal property for a few years than to excite discontent by a levy of heavy contributions at any one time, and therefore humbly submit the following Resolutions:

I. Resolved that Application be made to the Legislature for power to lay a Tax of one third of a Mill on a Dollar on the real [160] and personal property in this City annually until the proceeds thereof shall amount to a sum adequate to pay for repairing and improving the Battery and also to purchase the Military Square.

"II. Resolved that a similar application be made for power to reduce at the discretion of the Corporation the Military Square by selling off a range of lots on each side not to exceed 200 feet deep.

"III. Resolved that a similar application be made, in case any part of the Military Square cannot be obtained by purchase, that then on Application to the Supreme Court they shall be authorized to appoint Commissioners to fix the value of the part which cannot be purchased and that so much of the law as relates to assessing the amount of monies expended by the Corporation on account of the purchase of said Square on the property benefitted thereby may be suspended."

(signed)	Peter Mesier	E. W. King
"	Samuel Stevens	R. McQueen.
"	Geo. B. Thorp	E. Schieffelin
"	W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker

The same having been read and the [161] first Resolution being under consideration it was moved to divide and consider separately the proposals in relation to the Battery and the Military Square—which was agreed to.

The first part of the first Resolution being under consideration, Mr. Allen moved to insert after the word 'Battery' the following:—'and for the purpose of paying the expence of regulating and paving 'one third part of the Bowery'

The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. Alderman Morss then moved after the Word Legislature to insert as follows:—'to raise $120,000 by a Tax on the real & personal estate 'in this City to be assessed on the several Wards in such proportions 'as the Supervisors may determine to be applied to improving and 'repairing the Battery.' Mr. Board moved to amend the amendment by striking out the word 'improving.' The question being taken thereon and the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Van Amringe it passed in the Negative

Negat. Mr. Recorder Aldn Mesier: King: Underhill Van Amringe: Morss: McQueen Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip Anthony: Schieffelin

Affir Aldn. Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Board Allen

[162] The Question was then taken on the amendment proposed by Alderman Morss and lost, the Members upon the ayes & nays having been caleld by Alderman Buckmaster voting as follows:—

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldn. Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe McQueen Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Aldn. Morss Buckmaster Taylor Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board.

The question was then taken on the first part of the first Resolution and was carried in the Affirmative: the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Mesier the Votes stood as follows:—

Affmtve Mr. Recorder Ald. Mesier: King: Underhill Van Amringe: McQueen: Taylor: Thorp Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker Schieffelin

Negative Ald. Morss: Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt Board: Allen

[163] The Second part of the said first Resolution was then taken under consideration and Mr. Schieffelin moved as an amendment after the words 'Military Square' to add 'and that an application be made 'to the Legislature of this State for a repeal of so much of the Act 'entitled "An Act relative to improvements touching the laying out "of Street & Roads in the City of New York and for other purposes" as prohibits 'the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment to be 'appointed by said Act from allowing any compensation from Build-'ings hertofore erected subsequently to the filing of the Map made 'by the Commissioners of Streets & Roads appointed by the before 'mentioned act on the public squares laid out by them.' A motion was made by Alderman Taylor to refer this amendment and the subject

to the Committee from whom the Report had been received. After some discussion Mr. Schieffelin withdrew his amendment. Mr. Recorder then proposed as an Amendment that after the words 'Mili-'tary Square' should be added 'and also for taking and reserving 'under the authority of this Board a proper site at Corlaer's Hook on 'the East River and another proper site at or near Fort [164] Ganse-'voort on the North River for public Walks.'

The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Nays being called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt Schieffelin

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen McQueen Buckmaster Munson Messrs. Parker Board Allen

Alderman Taylor then moved that after the Words 'Military Square' there be added the words 'and the improvements thereon.'

The question having been taken thereon and Mr. Schieffelin at his own request having been excused from voting it passed in the Negative the members voting as follows, the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman [165] Buckmaster:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt Parker Allen

Affirmative Alderman Taylor Mr. Board

The question was then taken on the Second part of the first Resolution and the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Van Amringe, it was carried in the affirmative as follows:—

Affir. Mr. Recorder—Ald Mesier: King: Underhill: McQueen Buckmaster: Taylor: Thorp: Messrs. Bolton: Stevens: Kip: Parker: Board: Schieffelin: Allen

Neg. Ald. Van Amringe: Morss: Munson Messrs. Anthony: Westervelt

[166] The question being then about to be taken on the whole of the First Resolution, the Recorder moved that the previous question be taken. His Honor the Mayor accordingly put the question as follows: "Shall the main question be now put" and the Ayes & Nays being called for by the Recorder, it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:—

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Board Schieffelin

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs. Westervelt Parker Allen

The question was then taken on agreeing to the whole of the first Resolution and the Ayes and Nays being required by Alderman [167] Munson it was carried in the Affirmative, the Members voting as follows:—

Affirmative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Schieffelin

Negative Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen

The Second Resolution was then taken into consideration and on the question of agreeing to the same the Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster it was carried in the Affirmative as follows:

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King [168] Underhill Van Amringe McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker Board Allen

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Morss Munson Messrs Westervelt Schieffelin

So the Second Resolution was agreed to.

The Third Resolution was then taken into consideration and on the question of agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative.

The question was then taken on agreeing to the several Resolutions and was agreed to and the Counsel was directed to prepare and report the necessary Memorial and Bill corresponding therewith at the next meeting of the Board.

[169] The Street Commissioner, to whom was referred the petition of Legrand Jarvis, reported:

"That he has made due enquiry respecting the abilities of the petitioner for a City Surveyor, and is happy to state that he can with confidence recommend Mr. Jarvis to the attention of the Common Council as a young man possessing the requisite qualifications for a Surveyor He has had a suitable education, is sober, steady and industrious, and the undersigned has no doubt that when he shall have acquired more practical information he will prove a useful Surveyor, if it should meet the pleasure of the Common Council to appoint him to that office.

"The map of the Sixth Ward herewith presented, which has been drawn from actual Survey, is a specimen of his talents as a draftsman."

(signed) John McComb
Street Commissioner

Whereupon the said LeGrand Jarvis was appointed a City Surveyor.

[170] The Committee of the Fire Department, to whom was referred the Report of the Chief Engineer, stating that Engine Company No. 16 is destitute of a machine and suggesting the propriety of furnishing said Company with a new Engine of the usual size with the necessary apparatus, Reported:

"That it is the opinion of the Committee that Engine Company No. 16 ought to be furnished with a new Engine and apparatus of the usual size.

"Resolved that the Chief Engineer be and he is hereby directed to procure a new Engine and the necessary apparatus of the usual size for Engine Company No. 16."

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the petition of Edmond Elmendorf, reported:

"That the papers under the charge of Mr. Elmendorf are highly important to the Community, as effecting the title to a very considerable part of the real Estate [171] in the State of New York, your Committee think these papers should have a place of deposit in the Hall. They recommend the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved that the Clerk in Chancery have during the pleasure of the Board the use of the back or North Eastern Room in the Third Story of the City Hall.

"Resolved that the Keeper of the City Hall permit no lights to be used in any of the Rooms in the Hall (excepting the Court Rooms and those used by the Officers of the Board) without the special permission of the Corporation."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen.

which was approved and the Resolutions agreed to.

The Committee on Applications, to whom was referred the petitions of Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson for appointment of Weighmasters, reported:

"That they believe them to be fit and proper persons to receive that appointment Thereupon your Committee offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Gurdon Manwaring, [172] Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson be appointed Weighers for the City and County of New York."

(signed) David Board
" Effingham Schieffelin

which was directed to lay on the Table.

A Resolution was presented by Mr. Board as follows:

"Resolved that the Resolution of this Board restraining the appointment of any more Weighmasters until the number shall be reduced to Fifteen be and the same is hereby repealed."

Mr. Allen moved to add as an amendment the words 'so far as 'respects Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. 'Anderson.'

The question being taken on the amendment it passed in the Negative.

The question was then taken on the Resolution, and the Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Van Amringe, it passed in the Negative, the Members voting as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King [173] Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Westervelt

Affirmative Aldermen McQueen Bucknaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

A motion was then made to postpone the further consideration of the subject. The question being taken thereon and the Ayes & Nays called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Underhill McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony Westervelt

[174] It was then moved that the Board proceed to appoint the persons named in the Report of the Committee.

It was moved that the previous question be taken.

A motion was made for an adjournment which was lost.

His Honor the Mayor then put the question 'Shall the main question be now put?' which was carried in the Affirmative, the Ayes and Nays being called by Alderman Mesier and the Members voting as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen McQueen Bucknaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Kip Anthony

The question was then taken on the motion to proceed to the appointment [175] and carried in the affirmative, the ayes and nays having been called by Alderman King and the members voting as follows:

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen McQueen Buckmaster Thorp Munson Messrs. Stevens Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Taylor Messrs. Bolton Kip

A motion was made to ballot for the persons separately—which passed in the Negative.

The Board then proceeded to ballot for Three Weighmasters and Gurdon Manwaring, Lewis Angevine and James W. Anderson were appointed to that Office.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Robert H. Bowne, presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

[176] The following Resolution was presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the Commissioners of Assessment for opening and extending Beekman Street be requested to suspend their Assessments until the further order of the Board."

Alderman Van Amringe presented the following:—

"Resolved that during the continuance of any Resolution or Ordinance of this Board no other motion or Resolution shall be received in opposition to such Resolution or Ordinance than to suspend or repeal the same."

Which was read & laid for consideration.

The following was presented:

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be directed to have the fence of the Park in Duane Street set back so as to correspond with the West side of Hudson Street."

Which being read was referred to the Street Committee.

A Resolution that the Finance Committee [177] be directed to reconsider their report presented at the last meeting on the petition of Silvanus Miller was presented, and the question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative.

A Resolution requesting the Mayor to limit the number of Tavern Licences in the ensuing year was read and laid on the Table.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 1st inst.	6733.91	
Received for Rents	1798.44	
" " Tax of 1818—5th & 10th Wards	3000.	
" " Common Lands	4482.20	
" " Excise	28.	
" " Streets	1263.85	
" " Wells & Pumps	200.	17,506.40

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st District	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do 2d do	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do 3d do	462.	
John Burger—regulating public clocks 1 quarter 1st instant	66.66	
[178] Ogden Edwards—Expences to Albany on public business	128.	
Peter Schermerhorn—6 months int. on Bond 1st instant	450.	
Egbert Benson—Interest on Bond assigned by Peter W. Radcliff—18 months to 1st instant	231.79	
Peter Debaum—Balance—regulating Hudson Street	1000.	
James Meghan—on account—paving Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank Street	400.	
Hugh Smith for paving Roosevelt Street	300.	
John Sloan—balance regulating Laurens Street	303.30	
Terence Tiffany—balance regulating Willet Street	163.30	
John Bailey—balance—repaving Pearl Street	101.39	
John Stanley—balance on paving Crosby Street	330.24	
John Brown[er] & Colleagues—making sundry Assessments	336.90	
John Mullanphy—1 qr's rent wharf at Courtlandt Street 1st instant	75.	
[179] Thomas Barnum—Superintending Wharves 24 days to 7th instant	48.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supdt of Repairs for Repairs	725.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Lamp Department reprs. &c. in Jany	150.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs—for Fire Department	125.	
Richard Furman—Supt Alms' house for support of Maniacs in New York Hospital balance of acct in full to 31 Dec. 1816	4971.99	12,193.82
	Balance	5312.58

Adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[180] In Common Council Feb. 15. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
George Buckmaster	John J. Westervelt
Jacob B. Taylor	Shivers Parker
George B. Thorp	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Effm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor informed the Board that he had received a polite communication from Stevens the Intendant of the City of Charleston South Carolina accompanied by two copies of the Laws & Ordinances of the City of Charleston in elegant bindings—Whereupon the following Resolution [181] was presented by Mr. Stevens and agreed to:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor be requested, in behalf of this Common Council, to have bound and transmitted, to the Intendant and City Council of Charleston Two Copies of the Ordinances of this Board and to assure the City Council of Charleston that this Common Council have received with great pleasure this mark of their attention and that it will ever give this Board sincere pleasure to reciprocate with them acts of individual kindness and unite in measures interesting to the welfare of their respective Cities."

The Mayor also laid before the Board the following presentment of the Grand Jury, which was directed to be filed and entered on the Minutes

The Grand Jury for the body of the City and County of New York, being about to close their labors, feel it a duty incumbent on them to manifest their approbation of the course of conduct which has been pursued by the Chief Magistrate of this City in restricting as far as practicable the granting of licences to retail spirituous liquors to that description of persons whose principal business is that of selling drams.

[182] "Upon a careful review of the cases which have come under our cognizance during the present term of the Court, we find that a great majority have arisen either in Dram Shops or from causes intit-

mately connected with them, and from a comparative statement of the difference between the business which has come before us at the present Sessions with that which has been acted upon at former periods when serving as Grand Jurors, it is evident to us that crimes have lessened. The information we have derived from the Police Magistrates that their business has decreased nearly one half is matter of congratulation to all good Citizens. This may be owing to a combination of causes. The vigilance of our Police almost insures certain detection of crime. The prompt and due administration of justice, by which offenders are brought to speedy and condign punishment and the certainty of that punishment being inflicted without favor or prejudice claim to be the prominent causes why crimes have decreased. The introduction of Sunday Schools throughout the various parts of our [183] City has had a very salutary effect upon the minds and morals of the poorer classes of society, and it may fairly be inferred that the suppression of Five hundred Dram Shops in one year is another cause to which the reduction of crime may be attributed and that it requires still further and greater exertions, not only on the part of the Chief Magistrate but of all good Citizens to lend him their aid in limiting and suppressing their number. We therefore find it our duty to declare on oath that we consider them public Nuisances and pledge ourselves as Citizens to use our influence and exertions in support of any suitable plan or system that shall have for its object their further reduction."

By order of the Grand Jury

(signed) Isaac S. Douglass. Foreman.

Amos Palmer Secretary.

Feb. 12. 1819

Extract from the Minutes

(signed) John W. Wyman

Clerk.

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed and entered on the Minutes.

[184] A petition was received from George Robertson, stating that he is owner of a Lot of ground situated on the West side of East Bank Street in the village of Greenwich: that the same has been taken for 13th Street: that he has received no compensation therefor, and praying relief from the Board. Whereupon the same was referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants of the 1st Ward remonstrating against the charge of 20 cents per day on all River Sloops and Market

Boats which shall be laid up during the winter Season in any of the public Docks or Slips particularly as it relates to the public Slip or Basin generally called Lent's Basin—which having been read was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Helen Taylor, the Widow of Taylor a fireman who lost his life at a fire, and to whom an annuity was allowed by the Common Council, praying Two years advance of the said pension, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[185] A petition of Joseph Sanford, praying relief from a fine imposed on him for sifting lime in the Street—was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Sixth Ward and the Attorney.

A petition from Sundry Owners & Inhabitants of Beekman Street praying that in the proposed improvement of said Street a line may be struck on the Northeast side of said Street from Abraham Hallett's house to the Southwest side of Ann Byvannick's property on South Street and to run a line parallel thereto from Pearl Street to the East River.

A remonstrance against the above proposed improvement being made was presented from a considerable number of owners and Inhabitants in Beekman Street, and the petition and Remonstrance were referred to the Committee on Streets and the Alderman and Assistant of the ward.

A petition of John Taylor for remission of fine incurred by leaving his grate in the Street uncovered was read and leave given to petitioner to withdraw his petition.

[186] A petition of John Norman for Stall No. 39 Fly Market, one from Henry Lyons for Stall No. 41 Washington Market, one from Benjamin Davis and Solomon Dean for permission to exchange Stalls No. 10 Washington Market and No. 43 Catharine Market with each other, and one from Amos Wood for a Stall in Grand Street Market at Corlaer's Hook were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Henry W. George for appointment as Keeper of Potters' field was read & referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Holly Waterbury praying for the appointment of Superintendant or Keeper of the Mud Machine now vacant by the death of Mr. Porsiana, was read & referred to the Committee on Wharves.

A petition from William Hunter, William Vail and Thomas Morrell, lessees of Grand Street Ferry, praying to be permitted to transfer

the lease of said ferry to David Dunham, was referred to the Finance Committee.

[187] A petition of John Armstrong for appointment of Weigher of Hay, stating that he had rented the house now occupied by Stephen Huestis to which is attached a pair of Hay Scales, and a remonstrance from Stephen Huestis against granting the same, were read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 9th Ward to report a statement of facts.

A Communication was received from N. & H. Weed, stating that they were purchasers of a lot of ground at the Albany Basin at the late Corporation Sales: that the note given by them for the 3d payment fell due on the 11th instant and they called upon the Treasurer to pay the same but the note could not be found; that they are ready to pay the same and therefore do not expect to pay interest on the note. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee to report.

A Remonstrance from sundry owners of ground in the Military Square stating objections to the Resolution of the Common Council lately passed for taking the same was read and laid for consideration.

[188] A petition for a Well and Pump corner of Broome and Essex Streets was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of T. Seely praying further time for complying with an Ordinance in relation to a privy was read and referred to the City Inspector with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants praying that Lispenard Street may be opened to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating and paving Dey Street from the Easterly side of Greenwich Street to the Westerly side of West Street and also so much of Greenwich Street as may be necessary to make it conform to the regulation of Dey Street—also an Ordinance for regulating and paving Washington Street between Dey and Fulton Streets—which [189] were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The Chief Engineer presented a Communication stating that in different parts of the City Hydrants have been erected by individuals at their own expence, and as they are sometimes out of repair he recommended that they be repaired at the public expence: which was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

The Counsel presented for execution a Lease of Two Lots of ground at Yorkton on Long Island to Thomas Morrell drawn in pursuance of an order of the Board—which was directed to be duly executed.

The Counsel also, agreeably to the orders of the Board, presented a Memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith, which Bill was entitled 'An Act to provide for the expence of extending the Battery and purchasing the parade in the City of New York'—which having been considered, amended and the [190] blanks therein filled, was agreed to and directed to be duly authenticated by the Signature of the Mayor and the Seal of the Corporation and transmitted to the Legislature now in Session at Albany.

The Comptroller presented the following list of public property sold at auction on the 11th instant agreeably to an order of the 18th January last: Viz.

		per Annum
The Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip for 3 years from 1st May next to Isaac Valentine at	per Annum.....	125.
The Hay Scales at Duane Slip for the same period—Abraham Hart..		1830.
House & Lot No. 265 William Street—for 7 years—Frederick Mc-Cready	.....	400.
School Room in Engine house Rose St. for 3 years—Frederick Fowler		125.
House & Lot corner of Beach & Chapel Streets for 7 years—Isaac Russel	.....	190.
Cellars under Centre Market for 2 years.		
John Hilliker	No. 1.....	10.
Joseph Blackwell	2.....	10.
Francis Watson	3.....	9.
Mary Talbot	4.....	9.
[191] Jeremy Twillegar	5.....	6.
Charles Miller	6.....	5.
Catharine Barr	7.....	6.
Ann Shays	8.....	5.
Catharine Barr	9.....	5.
		2735.
The above mentioned property has produced the past year.....		1410.50
	Increase per Annum	1324.50

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Which was directed to be filed & entered on the Minutes.

The City Inspector presented an Ordinance for correction of the following Nuisance:

1. James Morris. Mead Wheeler	Own. Occ	19 Broad way	a Privy

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Which Ordinance was passed.

[192] The City Inspector presented a Communication on the subject of Acker's Scale for the measurement of Firewood—which was directed to be referred to the Committee on Arts and Sciences.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the va[ca]ncies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

John Drake Mercht 75 Pearl St. 1st Ward vice John D. Brown. Resigned.

"Fire Engine Company No. 13."

John Hurry Account[t] 53 Beekman 2d Ward vice Samuel W. Coates Resigned.

The Finance Committee on the application of James Lowerre, reported

"That in consequence of the quantity of earth deposited in said Slip by the wash of the Drain through Canal Street it is rendered entirely useless for the accommodation of vessels, and since the construction of the Basin at the foot of Spring Street every purpose of accommodation is answered. The Committee are of opinion, therefore, that the said Slip may be rented [193] for the purposes contemplated by Mr. Lowerre without any detriment to the public or loss of revenue on the part of the Contractors for the public docks and Slips; but, as it will eventually be necessary to fill in this Basin, the Committee have thought it advisable to reserve to the Corporation the right of placing a Bulkhead at their discretion in the opening of said Slip for the purpose of preventing the earth from escaping to the Channel of the River, by which so much will be gained in the filling of said Basin and at the same time the shoaling of the water in the Channel be prevented. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to rent to James Lowerre for Two years from the first day of May next, and until the Corporation shall require the use thereof at the annual rent of 500 dollars, the Slip or Basin at the foot of Canal Street, reserving to the

Corporation the right, at their discretion, of placing a Bulkhead in the opening of said Slip not to exceed Two feet above low water mark, and also reserving as aforesaid the use of the outer part of the [194] Wharf around the whole extent of said Slip or Basin: And that in renting the public docks & Slips the said Slip or basin, except so much of the outer part thereof reserved by the Corporation, be excluded Provided the said James Lowerre shall, on or before the 18th instant, accede to the terms hereby offered."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly.

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Randel Jr. Reported:

"That they have examined the parts of the Map alluded to in the papers referred to them, and in the opinion of your Committee the work thus far completed reflects much credit on Mr. Randel as an artist and correct delineator and deserves the commendation of the Board. The Committee have also read the Contract entered into by Mr. Randel, stipulating that the monies to be paid by the Corporation [195] shall be advanced from time to time as the work is completed and delivered in whole or in part. The amount applied for, therefore, was due on the delivery of the 9 sheets to the Street Commissioner, and the Committee will recommend a Warrant accordingly.

"The Committee beg leave to state farther that they have had a conference with Mr. Randel on the subject of an extension of time and other matters connected with the due execution of the contemplated Map. The Sheets finished and deposited in the Street Commissioner's Office are made from actual surveys taken in the field by Mr. Randel, and the fences designating the bounds of real estate are laid down by measuring from each bend or angle to a transit line run in its vicinity for that purpose.

By this method of measuring the division line of each man's property will be correctly designated as in actual possession, when by the ordinary mode with chain & Compass the lines will vary in proportion to the distance and variation of the needle owing to the attractive quality of the substances contained in the Rocks & other bodies within its range. [196] The additional labor bestowed by Mr. Randel on the work already completed & delivered he considers as gratuitous on his part, intending it as a specimen of correct delineation,

his contract only binding him to complete the work in the usual manner, and he therefore intends, unless a small compensation is allowed him, to complete the remaining sheets from Surveys in his possesion made with a chain and Compass, except that part which falls in the avenues which he considers himself bound to delineate correctly.

"Your Committee are fully aware of the necessity which exists, under present circumstances, to use every economy in the expenditure of the public money; but as this is a work of considerable magnitude and importance, one which is to become a public record for posterity and which will not only be an ornamental document but of great public utility in correctly designating the present face of the country and the exact bounds & landmarks of public & private property, they cannot help expressing their hope that the [197] Board will not, after appropriating so large a sum to this object, refuse the additional amount required to make the Map a finished and complete production.

"The length of the Boundary fences, including public roads which it will be proper to transit, is computed at 155 miles, which, at 5 dollars per mile, will amount to 775 dollars, the sum for which Mr. Randel is willing to run the lines as above stated and which the Committee conceive to be a moderate compensation for the labor he will have to bestow on the subject.

"The Committee beg leave to state further that should the Board agree to authorise Mr. Randel to proceed with the Maps on the plan suggested it will be necessary to grant him an extension of time to the 1st of May 1820. In the meantime he will proceed with the work as expeditiously as possible and deliver the sheets, as they are finished, to the Street Commissioner. That the Board may have the matters contained in the foregoing Report fairly before them, the Committee offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be [198] instructed to report a Warrant in favor of John Randel Jr. for 300 dollars, being in part for Mapping &c. as per his Contract dated February 1818.

"Resolved that John Randel Jr. be allowed 5 dollars, in addition to his present contract, for each mile of fence designating the boundary of real estate and for each mile of public road, which he shall lay down by measuring from every bend or angle in the same to a transit line run in its vicinity for that purpose—provided that the whole amount to be paid for the above services shall not exceed the sum of 775 dollars.

"Resolved that the time allowed Mr. Randel by his Contract for completing certain Maps of Manhattan Island be extended to the 1st

day of May 1820—provided that on or before the 1st day of June next he commence his operations at the line designated on the Commissioner's Map extending along North Street and Greenwich Lane.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare an additional Con- [199] tract with Mr. Randel embracing the provisions contained in the 2d and 3d Resolutions herewith presented."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" Samuel Akerly

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to. It was also ordered that a Warrant issue for $300 as reported by the Committee.

The Alms' House Committee, on the petition of Dunbar Sloan, reported:

"It appears the petitioner is not bound to stay there (in the Alms house) any longer than he wishes & the Commissioners of the Alms' House would at any time furnish him with means to go away if he was capable of taking care of himself. For these reasons your Committee offer the following:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Samuel Akerly
" John Morss.

which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[200] The Road Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel on the subject of Avenue 'D' presented a report—which was approved and Morris De Camp was appointed Collector of the Assessment thereon. The Committee's report was:

"That the opening of Avenue 'D' and the collection of the Assessment made therefor ought to be carried into effect and therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Avenue 'D' be opened immediately and that Morris De Camp be appointed the Collector of the Assessment made therefor."

(signed) Reuben Munson
" George B. Thorp
" Effingm Schieffelin
" David Board.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the Communication of the Counsel respecting Grand, Carmine & Harman Streets, reported:

"That as it respects Grand Street, Carmine Street and Sixth Avenue the opening thereof ought to be postponed until the 1st day of May next and accordingly beg [201] leave to offer the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the widening and improving of Grand Street, Carmine Street and the opening of the 6th Avenue be postponed until the 1st day of May next and that Noah Jarvis be appointed to collect the Assessment made therefor—And that upon the said first day of May the said improvement shall be carried into effect."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip
" Shivers Parker
" Samuel Akerly

Which was approved and Noah Jarvis was appointed Collector of the Assessment therein.

The Street Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the owners & lessees of property on and in the vicinity of Harman Street, presented a Report which was read. A Letter from Colonel Henry Rutgers addressed to the Chairman of the said subject was presented & read. Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare the necessary obligations agreeably to the proposal from Colonel Rutgers. A motion was made to postpone the [202] consideration which was agreed to—but was afterwards reconsidered and thereupon the report of the Committee, the Letter of Colonel Rutgers and the Resolution were referred to the Street Committee with a request to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The same Committee, on the petition of Edward & William Hitchcock Contractors of Street Manure for remission of certain fines, presented a report, which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Taylor moved that the report of the Committee on the petition of certain Hatters and Dyers be called up. The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. It was afterwards moved that the Board reconsider the vote—which was agreed to. It was then moved that the said report be now considered. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The report was then read and was in the words following:

"They have examined and find [203] that section prevents them from throwing any filthy or discoloured water into any one of the Streets in the City within 200 feet of any one of the Public Pumps and on the side of the Street on which said Pump is situated shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of Twenty five dollars. They farther state that they have taken the subject under consideration and are of opinion that a repeal of that section would be beneficial to that class of our citizens. They therefore offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the last section of a law passed September 14th 1818 respecting the public pumps and to prevent the drying of cloth in the streets be and is hereby repealed."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss

Upon the question for agreeing to the same it was carried in the Affirmative and the last section of the law therein mentioned was repealed.

Mr. Stevens presented the following—which was agreed to.

"Resolved that the Street Committee [204] and the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward. to whom were referred certain petitions & remonstrances on the subject of opening Beekman Street also consider the propriety of applying to the Legislature for a Law to alter and amend the present law for taking the ground for the New Market."

Mr. Board presented a Resolution to appoint Joseph Tremain a Weighmaster of the City which was laid for consideration.

He also presented the following:

"Resolved that the Resolution passed by this board limiting the appointing any more Weighmasters until the number be reduced to fifteen be and the same is hereby repealed."

The question being taken thereon, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th inst.	5312.58	
Recd for Tax of 1818 6th Ward	1000.	
" " Mayoralty fees	74.50	
[205]" " Commutation Alien passengers	444.	
" " Common Lands	1595.45	
" " Streets	1642.76	
" " 125th Street	33.43	10,102.72

Accounts Audited.

Richard Furman—Supt Alms' house & Officers 1 qr.'s Salary 1st instant	625.	
Garrit N. Bleecker—Comptroller—1 qr. Salary 15th instant.	500.	
Jacob P. Roome—Supt of Repairs 1 quarter 14th instant	300.	
George Bowen—Carriage Hire to Bellevue 2d instant	27.	
John J. Astor—rent of Lot in Spring Street 9 months 1st inst.	22.50	
John Baker prosecutor vs. George Hughes for Grand Larceny Ordered by Court of Sessions 13th inst	25.	
Charles Mooney—on account filling Collect Street	1000.	
P. Debaum on account—regulating Greeenwich Street from Christopher to near Bank St	200.	
[206] Benjamin Hills on Account filling Dey Street Basin	2000.	
John McComb—Street Commissioner for earth at Block Charlton Street	400.	
J. P. Roome—Superintendant of Reprs. Corporation half expence repairing the pier at west side of Burling Slip	170.	
Jacob Smith Jr. New Engine No. 42. and Repairs	817. 6	
Richard Furman—Superintendant of Alms' house	4000.	10,086.56
	Balance	$16.16

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 11 o'clock.

[207] Special Meeting

In Common Council Feb. 19. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
W. F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Stephen Allen

His Honor the Mayor stated that having received information that Major General Jackson would arrive in this City on Saturday and as he understood it was the wish of the Common Council to render to him certain marks of distinction on his visit to this place, he had on the advice of some of the members called this Special Meeting to take said subject into consideration.

[208] Whereupon the Recorder presented certain Resolutions which after some discussion were agreed to in the words following:—

"Whereas the Common Council of the City of New York entertain a deep and grateful sense of the public services of Major General Andrew Jackson, as a testimony of which and wishing to transmit to posterity the respect they bear for his military atchievements the splendour of which have been surpassed only by the great and lasting benefits they have secured to the United States:

Therefore the Common Council, acting in behalf of the Citizens of New York, do Resolve:

"Firstly—That the freedom of the City in a gold box with a suitable inscription be presented to Major General Andrew Jackson at a Common Council to be specially convened for that purpose, and that an appropriate address be made to him by his Honor the Mayor in behalf of the Corporation

"Secondly That he be respectfully requested to permit a full length portrait [209] painting of him to be taken under the direction of the Corporation to be placed in the Gallery of Paintings in the City Hall.

"Thirdly—That Mr. Recorder, Alderman Munson, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Allen and Mr. Bolton be a Committee to wait upon General Jackson upon his Arrival in this City and communicate to him in behalf of the Corporation the high satisfaction it will afford them to receive him in their Council Chamber and the manner in which they are desirous of giving a public demonstration of the very distinguished interest they take in his character and his fame.

"Resolved that the Committee appointed to receive General Jackson in behalf of this Board be instructed to offer to him and his Suite a conveyance up the Hudson River to Westpoint and back to this City in a Steam Boat under the direction of the Corporation.

"Resolved that the Committee invite General Jackson and suite to be with the Corporation on Monday, when his Honor the Mayor presents the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

"Resolved that the said Committee be directed to carry into effect the preceding Resolutions.

[210] His Honor the Mayor was requested to procure the Gold Box mentioned in the Resolution and the following were appointed the Committee to carry the other Resolutions into effect—viz—Mr. Recorder Alderman Munson Messrs. Stevens Allen Bolton

On motion of Alderman Mesier it was resolved that the words 'and Battery' in the Memorial agreed at the last meeting to be presented to the Legislature be stricken therefrom, and the Memorial so amended was directed to be transmitted to the Legislature forthwith.

The Board Adjourned.

[211] In Common Council February 22. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	Samuel Akerly
George B. Thorp	David Board
Reuben Munson	Effingm Schieffelin
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved

Mr. Recorder, from the Committee of Arrangements, reported that agreeably to the directions of the Common Council, they had waited upon Major General Jackson and had presented to him the Resolutions passed at the last meeting of the Board, that they had received a reply from General Jackson, which [212] he read to the Board and which was as follows:

R. Riker Esqr.
Chairman of the Committee

Sir:

"The Resolutions of the Common Council of the City of New York with which you have this day presented me have been read with that satisfaction which the generosity and hospitality of your honorable body is calculated to inspire.

"It affords me singular gratification to be enabled to comply with the several requests contained in your Communication, and I accept with pleasure your polite invitation to witness the ceremony of presenting the Standard to the Governor's Guard.

"Having but a few days to remain in this section of Country I am compelled to deny myself the pleasure I had anticipated in visiting West Point and therefore decline the acceptance of the transportation which has been so liberally offered for my conveyance to that place.

"For the honor conferred on me [213] by your distinguished body

permit me to present through you to the Common Council of the City of New York the assurance of my high respect and gratitude."

I am Sir

Very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

(signed) Andrew Jackson.

Whereupon it was Ordered that the same be entered on the Minutes at length and filed.

It was also resolved that the Board will assemble tomorrow at One o'clock in the Sessions Room for the purpose of conferring upon Major General Andrew Jackson the freedom of the City agreeably to the Resolutions of the Common Council.

Mr. Allen, from the Committee of Finance, on the representation of Messrs. Weed informed verbally that the Notes alluded to in Messrs. Weed's Communication at the last meeting of the Board had been found and were paid.

[214] A petition of Abraham Sears for appointment as Measurer of Grain was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Peter Kennison was received stating that he is Lessee of Lot No. 153 Chatham Street: that a part of said lot is taken for opening Harman Street: that the Commissioners of Estimate in assessing the loss sustained by the improvement deducted therefrom the value of the buildings thereon: that unless he is permitted to remove the same they will be of no value to him and praying to be permitted to remove the Buildings to another lot, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Magdalena Russell, praying on account of her indigent circumstances that she may be exempted from paying an Assessment laid on No. 56 James Street for repairing the Drain in said Street was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

[215] The Alderman and Assistant of the Ninth Ward, on the petition of John Armstrong and Remonstrance of Stephen Huestis, Reported:

"That said Huestis is now a Weigher of Hay and lately performed the duties at the Scales now occupied by said Armstrong, who is desirous of receiving the appointment of Weigher. Huestis is building a Scale, and the one he left is in the occupation of said Armstrong. If he does not receive the appointment the building will be entirely useless and as it is the wish of a considerable number of the Inhabitants of Harlaem that the appointment should be granted your Com-

mittee recommend that John Armstrong receive the appointment of Public Weigher of Hay and offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that John Armstrong be appointed Weigher of Hay."

(signed) George B. Thorp
" Effingm Schieffelin

Which was approved and he was appointed a Weigher of Hay.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Robert H. Bowne, presented the following Report which was approved & the Resolutions adopted [216] That in pursuance of the instructions given them they have attempted to treat with said Bowne and accordingly addressed him by note, offering to report in favor of a Settlement of his quit rent upon the same principle and terms complied with by Dr. Samuel L. Mitchill and John Agnew in a similar case, at the same time enclosing a statement shewing the amount paid by those gentlemen and also what amount was due the Corporation from said Bowne. In answer your Committee have received a note from Mr. Bowne denying that the case of Mitchill and Agnews was similar to that of his, and averring that had a grant been given for the property at the period when the occupation of the water took place, the rent would not have been half the price now asked, and in conclusion offering to pay 500 dollars instead of 1071 dollars the sum demanded by the Committee or to refer the subject to the decision of referees.

"Your Committee are opposed to the reference of a subject which appears to them so plain, particularly as they [217] have evinced no disposition to take advantage of circumstances or to require of Mr. Bowne any thing but what they believe to be perfectly reasonable and just; and they therefore adopted as a basis for the settlement of the quit rent due the Corporation the terms complied with by Messrs. Mitchill and Agnew: and although Mr. Bowne has denied the similarity of the cases they are unable to conceive how cases more similar could be selected, for the property is adjacent to each other, there being but one lot, that of Sylvanus Miller, and the Street between the property of Mitchill and Agnew and Robert H. Bowne.

"Mitchill and Agnew, by permission of the Corporation, built in the year 1804 a Dock in front of their property and enjoyed all the emoluments of a grant by the use of the water. Samuel Franklin, by permission of the Corporation, built in the year 1803 a dock in front of his property and enjoyed the same privilege. Mitchill and Agnew paid the amount of quit rent due from the time of building their Dock up to the 1st of May 1818 at the rate of one dollar per foot with interest, and the same [218] terms are offered to Robert

H. Bowne by your Committee. The only difference in the cases is that Samuel Franklin built his Dock one year previous to Mitchill and Agnew and that it lies a few hundred feet farther east, and, as the Committee believe, has been much more productive to the owners, in some measure owing to their having the use of part of the water crossing the foot of Roosevelt Street in addition to that in front of their property. Neither do the Committee agree with Mr. Bowne that the quit rent would have been 50 per cent less had a grant been given at the period of the building of the dock, as from the books in the office of the Comptroller it appears that a grant was given George Codwise in July 1803 for property between Burling & Beekman Slips, for which he pays rising one dollar & 20 cents per foot, and in 1804 Thomas Bulkley and David Lydig obtained grants for their property extending up as high as Dover Street and about 65½ feet on South Street, for which they pay 70 dollars per annum, more than One dollar per foot.

[219] These are the latest grants in that section of the City, except those taken out during the last year, and were no doubt the data on which Mitchell & Agnew's rent was founded, and in the opinion of your Committee ought not to be departed from in a settlement with Mr. Bowne. They therefore propose the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be authorised to settle with Robert H. Bowne for the arrears of quit rent due the Corporation on his property at the foot of Roosevelt Street on the same principle and terms as those complied with by Dr. Mitchell and John Agnew."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

Alderman King then presented the following:

"Resolved that the Committee on Finance, in the event of the present proprietor of the said Wharf disagreeing to the preceding Resolution, be authorised to refer the subject matter thereof to the decision of such persons as they may deem fit."

The question being taken thereon and the [220] Ayes and Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster, it passed in the Negative, all the members present voting in the negative excepting Alderman King and Mr. Anthony who voted in the Affirmative.

The same Committee, on the petition of Messrs. Hunter, Vail and Morrill on the subject of Grand Street Ferry, presented a Report which was laid for consideration.

The same Committee, on the petition of Helen Taylor, Reported:

"That in 1813 the report of a Committee was adopted recommending a yearly donation to Helen Taylor in consequence of the death of her husband while assisting in extinguishing the fire on some of the buildings of this City: That the said Helen was presented with a donation of 60 dollars in addition to the yearly allowance and has ever since received the said allowance in advance, the total amount of which (it being 6 years since the Report was adopted) is 420 dollars. The Committee have no wish to call in question the pro- [221] priety of the measures of their predecessors, but as the allowance was only to continue during the pleasure of the Corporation and one of the principal reasons urged in favor of the aforesaid yearly donation is removed by the arrival of the children of the said Helen to an Age which fits them for earning their own sustenance, the Committee are of opinion that the yearly allowance to the said Helen ought to be discontinued: They nevertheless are disposed under the circumstances of the case to recommend a compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Taylor to be put in possession of the sum of 120 dollars for the purposes stated in her petition, but that henceforth her claim to the yearly allowance of 60 dollars ought to cease. They therefore recommend the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that the Comptroller be instructed to report a warrant in favor of Helen Taylor for One hundred and twenty dollars.

"Resolved that the yearly donation of Sixty dollars to Helen Taylor heretofore allowed by the Corporation be and the same is hereby discontinued."

(signed) S. Allen: R. Munson: P. Mesier

which was approved & the Resolutions agreed to.

[222] The same Committee, on the petition of certain Inhabitants of the First Ward respecting a reduction of the rate of Slippage, presented a Report. It was moved to postpone the consideration of the same. The question being taken thereon and the Ayes and Nays being called by Mr. Stevens, it passed in the Negative as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Mesier Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Anthony Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen King Underhill Morss M^cQueen Buckmaster Messrs. Stevens Kip Westervelt Parker

The question was then taken on agreeing to the Resolution proposed by the Committee and was carried in the Affirmative.

The Street Commissioner, Comptroller & Counsel, on the petition

of Garrit H. Van Wagenen and Robert Carnley, Reported:—"That [223] they have duly examined the subject referred to them and are of opinion that the facts stated in the petition are true and that the petition ought to be granted."

(signed) Ogden Edwards Counsel
" G. N. Bleecker Comptroller

which report was agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following:

"Joseph Newton has purchased and paid for Lot No. 16 of the lots near the Washington Market and a Deed for the same has been reported to the Common Council and executed. Mr. Newton states that the lot was purchased to be held in trust for his Wife and is desirous that the deed which has been executed should be cancelled and that another deed should be made to Susannah M^cKean in trust for Catharine Newton.

The Counsel has prepared the draught of a deed for this purpose which is herewith submitted."

(signed) Ogden Edwards—Counsel

which was approved, the deed to Joseph Newton directed to be cancelled and the Deed to Susannah M^cLean as Trustee for Catharine Newton directed to be duly executed.

[224] Mr. Akerly presented the following Resolution, which was agreed to.: Viz

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner in contracting for the delivery of Stone at the Battery for the contemplated improvement be directed to make the said contracts conditional (that is to say) provided the Legislature pass the law petitioned for and vest in the Corporation the land under water necessary for the said improvement."

A Resolution was presented to appoint Joseph Tremaine a Weighmaster. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative & he was appointed accordingly.

Alderman Buckmaster presented a Resolution directing a Committee to enquire & report whether any and what alterations are necessary to be made in the law of this State in relation to the Act for the recovery of debts to the amount of Fifty dollars and under, so far as the same relates to the City of New York—Which was agreed to and referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

[225] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 15th inst		16.16	
Received for Rents		6009.07	
"	Tax of 1818—1st, 2d, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th Wards	13,500.	
"	Common Lands	3304.72	
"	Streets	3231.51	
"	Wells & Pumps	179.87	26,241.33

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st Distt	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark do. 2d do.	682.50	
Bleakley & Brower do. 3d do.	462.	
Jonathan Pinkney City Intendant 1 qrs Salary 19th instant.	250.	
Thomas Franklin—Chief Engineer 1 qr. Salary 18th instant	200.	
Wm S. Smith—Collector City Revenue 1 qr. 22d instant	200.	
Joseph Varick—Inspector of Bread 1 qr. 17th inst	100.	
B. Skaats—Keeper of City Hall 1 qr. 24th inst	100.	
B. Skaats expences for Corporation 1 qr. 24th inst	262.02	
[226] George B. Thorp—Cash paid for refreshments for Committee at Greenwich	27.87	
Geo. Buckmaster—cash paid on board Steamboat escorting President U. States to West Point & Carriage hire	17.36	
Wm Young—a poor Witness vs. J. Delarge—ordered by Court 13th instant	5.	
R. Munson for 3 Casks of Oil bought of T. Lovell	340.84	
Charles Mooney on account—regulating Collect Street	1000.	
James Meghan—on account, paving Vestry Street	300.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs to pay Workmen in Public Shops	375.	
Jac. P. Roome—Supt of Repairs for Lamp Department	275.	
R. Furman—Superintt of Alms house for support of Maniacs in N. York Hospital. Nett balance of account to 31st December 1818	5737.13	11,777.47
	Balance	$14,463.86

Board adjourned to meet tomorrow One o'clock.

[227] In Common Council February 23. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anth. L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Wm F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Board assembled in the Sessions' Court Room, agreeably to the Resolution of yesterday. The reading of the Minutes of last meeting was dispensed with.

Upon motion, the Resolution of the Board agreed to at the Special Meeting on the 19th inst. & the reply of General Jackson thereto, which was reported on the 22d, were severally read.

[228] Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Arrangements, informed the Common Council that they had waited upon General Jackson and accompanied him to the Hall and that he was now in waiting in the Common Council Chamber.

The Committee were then requested to wait upon the General, inform him that the Common Council were assembled prepared to receive him and introduce him to the Board.

The Committee accordingly retired and in a few minutes General Jackson entered. Upon his entrance the Common Council rose to receive him. After being seated a few moments two of the Committee led him to the centre of the space occupied by the Common Council and presented him to the Mayor, upon which his Honor the Mayor addressed him as follows:

'Address of the Mayor.'

Major General Jackson.

"No task could be more gratifying to me than that which I am now to perform. [229] I am to congratulate you, in behalf of the Common Council and of our fellow Citizens, on your arrival among us.

"We are happy to avail ourselves of the first opportunity of testi-

fying by every mark of respect the feelings your high military services have inspired.

"While the whole country was agitated by the threatened invasion of a powerful foe, we could not but learn with anxiety that he had directed a large armament to a point where it was known he could only be met by an inferior force, chiefly composed of our undisclipined and inexperienced countrymen. We knew that Britain, at the end of a contest which had convulsed Europe for Twenty years, had destined her veteran and victorious troops to make war upon us: but the sons of our soil, animated by your spirit and conducted by your wisdom, drove the invaders from our shores and achieved a victory, which, while it raised the character of our country to an elevation that attracted the admiration of the rest of the world, left to every American a debt of gratitude to you, and to our brave brethren who fought with you, which can never [230] be cancelled.

"With these sentiments allow me to present to you this certificate of your being admitted a freeman of this City, and to thank you for your compliance with the Resolution of the Common Council requesting your portrait.

"Permit me also to assure you that we shall feel great pride in being able to claim you as our fellow citizen, and in placing the portrait of one who has deserved so well of his country in our Gallery occupied by the resemblances of many who have similar, tho' no one superior, claims to our grateful acknowledgment."

To which General Jackson made the following reply:

Sir

The distinguished honor which the Common Council of the City of New York has conferred by my admission as a freeman of their City is to me a source of the highest gratification and will ever be recollected with feelings of the warmest sensibility. To be associated with those who have been [231] distinguished for their patriotism and zealous attachment to the republican principles of our government is the most exalted station of an American citizen. The approbation you have been pleased to express of my humble efforts in the field command my greatest acknowledgments. For those sentiments am I indebted to the bravery of the troops I had the honor to command.

"What I have done was for my country. Had I erred in the discharge of my official duty, that error would have originated in the warmth of my devotion to her interest and a misapplication of the means best calculated to promote her happiness and prosperity: but to find that my conduct has been sanctioned by my government and

Roll of Freemen's Oaths

Taken and subscribed by Major General Andrew Jackson on the Twenty third day of February One thousand eight hundred and nineteen before the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor of the City of New York and the Common Council of the same -

I Andrew Jackson do swear - That I as a freeman of the City of New York, will maintain the lawful franchises and customs thereof. That I will keep the said City from harm as much as in me lieth, and that I will in all things do my duty as a good and faithful freeman of the said City ought to do. -

Andrew Jackson

Sworn before me -
Feb. 23. 1819 -

This remarkable document, previously unpublished, was discovered by the editor among the loose papers in the custody of the city clerk. The common council saw fit to honor General Jackson for his military achievements with the freedom of the City. After the Freeman's Oath had been administered by Mayor Colden, the General appended his signature to this document and it was placed on file (see vol. X. pp. 263-5). For other references to the same incident see vol. X, pp. 254-5, 256-7, 265-6, 286, 340, 366; XI, 291, 314-5, 647; XII, 170.

approved by my fellow citizens is a source of happiness unequalled in the occurrences of my life, for the proudest honor which can grace the soldier and the richest reward which he can receive for the fatigues, perils & privations of his profession is the approbation of a grateful country."

The general was then handed by two of the Committee and seated on the right of the Mayor. His Honor then administered to him the Oath [232] of a Freeman as prescribed by Law and delivered to him the Certificate of his being a freeman. His Honor the Mayor then arose and announced General Jackson to have been admitted a freeman of the City of New York agreeably to the Charter and Laws of the same.

The General was then introduced by the Committee of Arrangements to the several members of the Common Council, after which he retired accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements.

Adjourned to meet on Monday next 5 o'clock

[233] In Common Council March 1. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, President.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	Leonard Kip
Wm F. Van Amringe	John P. Anthony
John Morss	John J. Westervelt
Robert McQueen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of the Two last meetings were read & approved.

A Commission to the Honorable Cadwallader D. Colden under the Great Seal of the State, bearing date the 9th of February 1819, appointing him Mayor of the City of New York for one year, was read and his Honor, having previously taken the Oath prescribed by Law was declared in due form as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

[234] The following Letter from Major General Jackson to his Honor the Mayor was read and directed to be published:

The Hon. C. D. Colden
Mayor of the City
of New York.

Philadelphia
Feb^{y} 25. 1819.

Sir

"I avail myself of the present opportunity to express the gratitude I feel for the polite attention and hospitality with which I was received by you and the Citizens of New York: for which, Sir, permit me to present through you to the Corporation of your City my sincere acknowledgments and to offer you the assurance of my personal friendship and regard and the deep interest I shall ever feel in the happiness and prosperity of yourself and Associates."

I am, Sir, With every sentiment of respect and sincerity of regard your Ob^{t} ser^{vt}

(signed) Andrew Jackson.

[235] A petition of John Bedient for appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures: one of Isaac Stoutenburgh for appointment of Measurer of grain, and one of Joseph P. Simpson for appointment of Sealer of Weights and Measures, were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of the Administrators of the French Benevolent Society for pecuniary aid in behalf of said Institution was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Memorial of James Jersey complaining of the conduct of Jacob Ackerman, Inspector of Fire wood, for inspecting a load of Fire wood short of legal measure, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Joshua Jones and Elias Burger praying that piers may be run out at Vesey Street and Barclay Street and that West Street be completed as far as Murray Street, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from a number of Inhabitants in- [236] terested in lands required for opening Grand Street from the Bowery to Broadway, praying that the collection of the assessment for opening of said Street and the opening of said Street may be delayed One year, was read and referred to the Committee on Streets.

A petition of George Messervie, Butcher, praying remission of fine for selling with light weights, was read and the fine remitted on payment of costs.

A petition of Jane Mullen for Huckster's Stand in Catharine Market: one of Nathaniel Moore for Stall No. 1 Gouverneur Market

and of Henry Hammond for Stall No. 41 Catharine Market, were read and referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of George Platt for appointment of Superintendant of Mud Machine was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers & Slips.

A petition from Hicks & Titus for re- [237] mission of fine incurred respecting a Nuisance was read and referred to the City Inspector.

A petition that McDougal & Sullivan Streets from Bleecker to Amity Street be filled up and regulated, was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A Communication was received from a Committee of the Fire Wardens of the City, submitting to the Corporation certain amendments to the Fire Law which they considered as important to be made, was read and referred to the Committee on the Fire Department.

A Complaint was received from a number of Inhabitants complaining of the riotous conduct of persons assembling in Grand Street Market house and was referred to the Market Committee.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants complaining of the mode of paving Collect Street was read and the same was referred to the Street Commissioner.

[238] The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Engine Company No. 5."

James D. Bisset Jr. Accountt 16 Dutch St. 2d Ward vice James Oliver Removed

John A. Hicks Accountant 219 Pearl St. 2d Ward vice H. V. Costar, Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 11."

Neil Gray Merchant 50 John St. 2d Ward vice Peter Winants Resigned

William Crane Carpenter 9 Front St. 1st Ward vice Phineas B. Carman Resigned

"Fire Engine Company No. 20."

William Knox. Accountant 3 Carlisle St. 1 Ward vice Silvanus Osborn Removed

Leonard W. Archer Turner 90 Greenwich St. 1 ward vice Henry Rankin made Fire Warden

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well in Essex Street near Broome Street, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which [239] were passed: viz

1	Jas. C. Roosevelt Wm Dougherty	Own. Occ.	91	James Street	a privy
2	J. N. Granzeback B. McGallaher	Own Occ.	3	Chatham Street	do
3	James Tabele Estate of Tabele Oliver Ford	Agt. to decd Occ.	132	do	do
4	Jas. C. Roosevelt Mary Weeks	Own. Occ.	17	Batavia Street	do
5	Jas. C. Roosevelt P. Schuyler	Own. Occ.	21	do	do
6	N. G. Ingraham	Agt.		Cliff Street	a Lot
7	Noah Scovil	Own.		do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Comptroller presented the following:

"The purchaser of the Lease of the House and Lot No. 265 William Street near Pearl Street on the 11th ultimo, has relinquished the same for want of security.

"It is respectfully recommended that the Committee of Finance be authorised to let or lease the house and lot aforesaid in such manner as they shall judge most conducive [240] to the public interest."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen & agreed to:

"Resolved that the Comptroller, under the direction of the Finance Committee, be authorized to sell or lease the house and Lot No. 265 William Street in such manner and on such terms as they shall deem best calculated to promote the public interest."

The Comptroller also Reported:

"That agreeably to the 4th Section of "an Act to amend an Act entitled 'an act relative to the Court of probates, the Office of Surrogate and the granting of administrations" passed April 11, 1815 the

public Administrator 'shall once in every year, at such time as the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty may appoint for that purpose, exhibit to them in Common Council convened a statement of his receipts and expenditures by virtue of such administrations respectively &c."

"Agreeably to the Act, the Common Council are to appoint the time when the [241] public Administrator is to exhibit a statement of his receipts and expenditures. J. Nitchie was appointed on the 22d May 1815 to this office and gave a Bond with surety in the penal sum of $10,000. conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his Office agreeably to an order of the Board passed May 22d 1815.

"J. Hammond was appointed in his place June 10. 1816, but it does not appear that he has given a Bond according to the 1st Section of the Act aforesaid. In June and July 1818 Mr. Nitchie paid into the Treasury the sum of $1287.39. There has been no payment made by Mr. Hammond since his appointment nor have any accounts been exhibited by either gentleman.

"The statement is respectfully submitted to the notice & further order of the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller

which was directed to be filed. Whereupon the following Resolution was presented by Mr. Allen and agreed to:

"Resolved that the former & present public Administrator be requested to exhibit to the Common Council on Monday the 8th [242] instant a statement of receipts & expenditures of all monies which have come into their hands respectively as Public Administrator, with a statement of such accounts and balances as are not adjusted or finally settled, together with whatever explanations relative to the business appertaining to the Office they may judge proper: and that it be the duty of the public Administrator for the time being to exhibit to the Common Council a like statement on the first Monday in January in every year; and that the Clerk furnish to the former and present public Administrator each a copy of the above."

The following Resolution was also presented and agreed to:

"Resolved that the public Administrator enter into bond in the penal sum of Ten thousand Dollars (with such surety as shall be approved of by the Committee of Finance) conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his Office, and that the Clerk of this Board furnish to him a copy of this Resolution."

[243] The Comptroller also presented a release of Quit rent on a

Water Lot in the First Ward granted to Cornelius Van Horne on the 26th July 1734. "The Indenture is to Francis Saltus and Nicholas Saltus: was commuted on the 28th November 1812 and is approved by the Counsel of the Board."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

which was directed to be executed.

The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a Law establishing the rates of Wharfage at the public Slips and Basins—which was passed.

He also presented for execution draughts of the following Deeds and Leases—Viz

"A deed for a Lot of ground near the Washington Market to William Howard

"A deed for Two Lots of ground at the Albany Basin to J. T. Leonard.

"A lease of the Hay Scales at the foot of Duane Street to Abraham Hart.

'A lease of the Hay Scales at Gouverneur's Slip to Isaac Valentine.

[244] "A Lease of the School Room in the Engine House in Rose Street to Frederick Fowler and of the School room in Spring Street to John Hanning.

"A Lease of the Ferry at Horne's Hook and the houses on both sides to Abel Sammis.

"Also a Memorandum of an additional agreement with John Randell Junior."

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel.

Which were directed to be duly executed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the petition of the makers & venders of Weights, Beams and Measures complaining of the conduct of Oliver Vanderbilt, Sealer of Weights and Measures for the County, presented a Report, which was read. A Memorial from Oliver Vanderbilt in justification of his conduct was also presented and read. The Report of the Committee was as follows:

"That they have carefully examined the subject of complaint which admits of four separate and specific charges against the Sealer—Viz.—

"1. [245] For over charging

"2d For refusing to seal

"3d For sending for Weights and Measures and taking them to his own house contrary to law.

"4. For taking small sums of money in lieu of the penalty.

"On the First charge the Committee are unable to judge correctly, as the present law allows the Sealer a reasonable compensation for his services for adjusting over the specific rates for sealing.

"On the Second Charge (for refusing to seal) it has been proved to the Committee under oath.

"On the Third charge it appears to have been the practice of the Sealer to send for the Weights and measures before he had examined them and thereby in many cases run the Citizens to an unnecessary and useless expence.

"The Fourth Charge, for compounding for small sums of money has been not only fully proved by a number of respectable witnesses but also admitted by the Sealer.

"The Committee are therefore of opinion that Oliver Vanderbilt has exercised the duties [246] of his Office in a vexatious and improper manner, and beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:—

"Resolved that Oliver Vanderbilt be, and he is hereby removed from the office of County Sealer."

"Resolved that it shall not be lawful for the Sealer of Weights and Measures appointed by this Board to vend any weights or measures in this City during the time he shall hold the office of Sealer nor be concerned directly or indirectly in vending those articles.

"Resolved that it shall be the duty of the Sealer to inspect and examine the Weights, Beams and Measures in use once in every year at the stores or residence of the owners and for such examination he shall be entitled to ask and receive for every fifty six twenty eight or fourteen pound weight two cents, and for every weight of a smaller denomination than fourteen pounds One cent; for every liquid measure One cent; for every dry measure two cents, for every scale, beam or balance three cents and for every yard measure three cents—provided [247] the same shall be found correct, and all such as shall be found not conformable to the Standard shall be sent to the Store of the said Sealer at the expence of the owner in three days after being so notified in writing by the Sealer under the penalty of 20 dollars, and for which he shall be allowed the sum prescribed by the present Law with a reasonable compensation for such alterations as he may make—provided always the additional compensation shall not exceed more than the price of sealing, or unless a special Contract shall be made by the parties agreeing to such further charges for extra services.

"Resolved that it may be lawful for the Sealer to examine the Weights, Beams and measures used in this City, as much oftener in

the year as he may think proper, but without a charge for the same if correct except once in every year.

"Resolved that the Ordinance in relation to Weights and measures be so altered and amended that the same may be conformable to the above resolutions, and that the Counsel be instructed to report an ordinance accordingly at the next meeting of the Board."

[248] (signed) Leonard Kip
" Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Geo. Buckmaster
" David Board
" John Morss
" Elisha W. King

The question being taken on each Resolution separately they were severally carried in the Affirmative.

It was then resolved that the Committee on Applications be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board on the subject of appointing a person to fill the Office of Sealer of Weights and Measures for the City.

The Finance Committee, to whom had been referred a Communication from the Police Magistrates, presented a Report, which having been amended was as follows:

"They have good reason to believe from the information furnished by the Police Magistrates that their fee emoluments are materially reduced, owing [249] in part to much of their former business being directed to other channels, and breaches of the peace, together with other crimes diminishing to a degree before unknown.

"Your Committee consider the police of this great and populous City as a very important feature in its government and the duties required of its Magistrates are arduous and demand their unremitted and persevering exertions. It is a matter of public notoriety that for some time past crimes have decreased in this City, and your Committee have no hesitation in saying that, in their opinion, this state of things is in a great measure brought about by the prompt and energetic manner in which the business of the Police is executed in conjunction with the measures adopted by the Chief Magistrate of this City, and that this faithful administration of duty necessarily diminishes the amount of income to the Justices.

"The present Salary of the Police Justices is 750 dollars per annum, and your Committee have deemed it their duty to recommend an

addition of 250 dollars to each of them and offer the following resolution [250] accordingly:

"Resolved that the Salary of the Police Justices be increased to One thousand dollars per annum, to commence on the 26th day of February last."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson

The question being taken on agreeing to the Report and Resolutions of the Committee, the same was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, to whom was referred the Resolution requesting them to enquire and report whether any and what amendments are necessary to the Law relative to the recovery of debts to the value of Fifty dollars and under, reported:

"That they have had the subject under consideration and are of opinion that the present organization of the Assistant Justices' Courts in this City are productive of numerous abuses, and that in some cases, suits are permitted without [251] reasonable cause, litigation encouraged and justice imperfectly administered. The Committee have not sought for a particular detail of facts on this subject, but are persuaded from the opinion of those they have consulted, together with their own observation, that the present system is injurious to the property, morals and convenience of our Citizens and requires a radical change. The Committee believe that the evils complained of are in a great measure produced by the circumstance of the Justices depending on the costs of suit for their emolument instead of a regular & stated Salary, and there being more Courts than are necessary for the due administration of justice and less business than will afford a competency to the judges, a rivalry is created for sinister purposes destructive to an independent and impartial discharge of duty. The Committee therefore recommend the following outlines of a law, to be presented to the Legislature for their concurrence, which in their opinion will at least remove some of the most prominent objections to the present system

"That the Nine lower wards be divided into Four Judicial Districts, in each [252] of which a Court shall be held for the trial of causes to the amount of 50 dollars and under.

"That the First, Second and Third Wards shall compose the First district: That the Fourth and Sixth Wards shall compose the Second district: That the Fifth and Eighth Wards shall compose the Third

district: and That the Seventh and Tenth Wards shall compose the Fourth district.

"That there be Four persons appointed and commissioned by the Council of Appointment to hold such Courts and that one of such persons be from time to time assigned to each respective Court by the Common Council.

"That the Justices respectively, instead of receiving fees of Office to their own use, shall be compensated by a yearly salary to be paid out of the City Treasury, and that the fees allowed by law shall be granted to the Corporation and received according to their direction.

"That the Common Council shall appoint a suitable person as Clerk to each [253] of the said Courts, who shall give such sureties as may be required for the faithful performance of his trust, and shall collect and receive all costs of suit and make monthly returns of the same to the Comptroller verified on oath before the Mayor and pay the amount thereof to the Chamberlain of this City; and that each of said Clerks shall receive a salary to be regulated by the Common Council.

"That the salary to be allowed the Justices shall include the expence for stationary, fuel &c. but not of Office hire, which shall be located and provided at the expence of the Corporation.

"That the Ninth Ward shall remain, with respect to the Assistant Justices of that Ward, the same that it now is.

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to prepare the draught of a Memorial & Bill conformable to the foregoing sketch & report the same at the next meeting of the Board."

(signed) Steph. Allen: Jno. Morss
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster: E. W. King

Which was approved and the Counsel was directed to report a Memorial & Bill agreeably thereto.

[254] The Comptroller presented the proposals he had received for leasing of the public Docks and Slips—whereupon on motion the Gallery was cleared and

The Doors Closed.

The proposals received by the Comptroller were read. A request from Benjamin Bailey that the proposal made by him might be withdrawn was granted. Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution directing the Finance Committee to divide the City into Two Districts

for the purpose of leasing the public Slips, which was lost. Mr. Kip presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Comptroller advertise for Contracts for the Slips and Wharves for one year with a stipulation on the part of the Corporation that, unless the Contractors are put in possession of the Basin at the foot of Roosevelt Street by the first day of August next, a reasonable allowance shall be deducted from the Contract."

The Resolution being divided, the question was taken on the first part & agreed to.

The question being taken on the latter part, it was also carried in the the affirmative.

[255] The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 22d Feby	14,463.86	
Recd for Tax of 1818—4th & 10th Wards	9500.	
" " Common Lands	4479.85	
" " Streets	800.	29,243.71

Accounts Audited.

George Cuming—City Inspector 1 qr's Salary 28th February	312.50
Ogden Edwards—Counsel to Board 1 qr's Salary 27th February	125.
Abraham Brevoort Inspectr. of Bread 1 quarter 21st February	100.
Wm J. Waldron—Asst City Inspector 1 month 1st instant..	48.
Obadiah Ayres—Asst. City Inspector 1 month 1st instant..	48.
Samuel Hutching—Street Inspector 1 month 1st instant....	48.
Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector—1 month—1st Instant.	48.
Astin & Cochran—Messengers—1 Mo. 1st inst.....	60.
Danl. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field 1 month 1st instant...	42.
[256] Helen Taylor in full of her allowance ordered 22d February	120.
G. Snethen—Supg & lighting Lamps 1 month 1st instant....	676.35
James Warner—Special Justice 1 qr's Salary 26th February	187.50
James Hopson—Special Justice 1 qr. Salary 26th February.	187.50
Charles Christian Special Justice 1 qr. Salary 26 February.	187.50
B. O'Blenis. Clerk Police Office 1 qr. Salary 26th February	250.
R. Stephens—Ast Clerk Police Office 1 qr. Salary 26th February	225.
Jacob Hays for Officers extra service in Police Office—1 qr. 26th February.....	223.25
James Meghan—balance paving Greenwich Street.....	452.80
James Pinkerton—balance paving Franklin Square.....	205.80
James Pinkerton balance repaving Mill Street.....	111.67
James Pinkerton balance repairing Frankfort Square.....	62.13
[257] Ogden Edwards—Court charges & Attorney's fees opening Avenue D.....	124.95

Petr. Hawes & Colleagues—Commiss[rs] fees opening Avenue D	91.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs to pay repairing pier West side of James Slip	1065.15	
Richard Furman—Superintend[t] of Alms' house	5000.	
President, Directors & Co. Mechanics' Bank Bond June 24. 1818 $12,000. & Intere[s]t. 2 months to 1st inst. @ 6 per cent	12,120.	22,122.10
	Balance	$7121.61

Board adjourned to Monday next 5 o'clock.

[258] In Common Council March 8, 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, Mayor, Presidt.
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anthy. L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss	Jno. J. Westervelt
Robert M[c]Queen	Shivers Parker
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Eff[m] Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A Letter was received from John Nitchie Esqr. former public Administrator, stating that he had received a Copy of the Resolution of the last meeting of the Board directing him to report a Statement of the Intestate Estates which had come to his hands, but that in consequence of the number of accounts he had not been able to complete the statement required but expected he would be able [259] to do it by the next meeting of the Board—which was ordered to be filed.

A petition of Thomas Zabriskie (a colored man) praying to be relieved, on account of his age and property, from payment of an assessment laid on him for a pump and well in Third Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Tenth Ward.

A petition of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, complaining of the amount of rent demanded for the Wharf at Fulton Street, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Samuel Grundy for a Stall in Fly Market for the purpose of vending seeds—one of Charles Williams for a Stall in Spring

Street Market—one of Adam Hartell Jr. for Stall No. 41 Washington Market—of John Perrin, John Stamler and Christian Stamler praying remission of fine incurred for selling with light Weights—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

[260] A petition of William Mooney in behalf of his Son Runier V. Mooney, and a petition of R. V. Mooney for appointment of Sealer of Weights and measures: a petition of Robert Snethen for appointment of Keeper of Potters' field: a recommendation in behalf of John Brower for appointment of Sealer of Weights & Measures and a petition from John Brower for said Appointment: a petition of Abel H. Hardenbrook for said Appointment, and petitions of John P. Aymar & of William Craft for appointment of Measurer of grain —were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of Joseph Constant, praying the removal of a Well and pump which has been sunk in the centre of the Side walk in White Street, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward to report.

A petition for a Well and pump in Delancey Street near Arundel Street and one for a Well and pump in Delancey Street [261] near Cannon Street, were read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistants of the respective Wards & Street Commissioner to report Ordinances therefor

A petition from the Executors of Jonathan Dixon was received, stating that the Corporation on the 1st May 1806 did lease to Leah Day a certain lot known as No. 16 in the Sixth Ward: that the said Leah Day did mortgage the same to the Testator Jonathan Dixon: that the Executors are desirous of transferring by assignment the said lease to Dennis M^cCarthy, and praying to be permitted so to transfer and assign the same, was read. Whereupon the same was referred to the Comptroller to permit the asssignment, on all arrearages of rent due on said lease being paid and satisfied.

A petition of Peter Hattrick to be permitted to construct a vault in front of his lot in Broadway, was granted on the usual terms under the direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition that Grand Street be paved between Arundel Street and the East River was read [262] and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of John Fleming to be permitted to remove House No. 268 Front Street seven feet westerly, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

A petition of Elizabeth Morris was received, stating that she is

Owner of several lots of ground in Front Street between Dover and Roosevelt Streets: that it appears that the Tenement which was intended to be placed on the easternmost Lot stands a few feet on the adjoining lot: that she is desirous of removing the same but is informed she will thereby infringe the law for prevention of fire and praying permission therefor—which was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 4th Ward and Street Commissioner.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	J. McCosker	Own.	186	William St.	a privy
	do	Occ.			
[263]	J. Mowatt	Own.	190	William Street	a privy
	P. Legrave	Occ.			
3	D. Harriett	Own.	191	do	do
	Charles Clark	Occ.			
4	M. Ashfield	Own.	196	do	do
	N. Anderson	Occ.			
5	Martin Habirshaw	Own.	197	do	do
	do	Occ.			
6	A. Durham	Own.	222	do	do
	D. Carr	Occ.			
7	Jno McGuiston [Gariston]	Les.	228	do	do
	do	Occ.			
8	Cathrn Hay	Own.	250	do	do
	do	Occ.			
9	Cathrn Hay	Own.	250½	do	do
	Jas. Foley	Occ.			
10	P. Fitzpatrick	Own.	252	do	do
	do	Occ.			
11	Jno. Lovett	Own.	256	do	do
	Thos. Miller	Occ.			
12	Fred. Stahl	Own.	264	do	do
	do	Occ.			
13	Lewis Hartman	Own.		Thompson Street	a Lot
14	Francis Child	do.		do	do
15	G. & P. Lorillard	do.		do	do
16	Jno. Morss	do.		do	do
	[264] Thos. Stagg Jr.	do.		do	do
	Jas. Campbell	do		do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The City Inspector, on the petition of Hicks and Titus, reported:

"That Messrs. Hicks & Titus were ordinanced to remove a nuisance by the 20th of January last. On the 12th of February it appeared that the nuisance was covered instead of being emptied as the Law directs, upon which it was sent to the Attorney for prosecution.

"It farther appears that after the Attorney notified the said petitioners they remedied the evil according to the letter and spirit of the Ordinance.

"Under these circumstances, should the Board be inclined to remit the penalty it is respectfully suggested that the costs should be paid by the petitioners."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

[265] The City Inspector presented the following:

"The City Inspector respectfully reports sundry sunken lots on Thompson Street as great nuisances, insomuch so that some new houses built on that street are in danger of having their foundations undermined and the buildings thereby either impaired or destroyed.

"All the other lots on that street that could be ordinanced have been presented, but as the lots in question are contested in Chancery no remedy appears likely to avail but from the Board's filling in said lots and causing them to be advertised and sold for the expence thereof."

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

Whereupon the Street Commissioner was directed to cause the same to be filled in agreeably, the expence to remain a lien on the lot.

The Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, on the Resolution respecting the reservation of certain places for public Slips and Basins, reported:

"That they have taken the same into consideration and offer the following Resolution:

[266] "That all the waters in front of the Market ground at Crane Wharf be reserved:

"All the waters from west side of Jefferson Street to East side of Clinton Street:

"Market Street Slip. Fifty feet each side from the permanent line:

"Walnut Street Slip Two hundred feet wide from the permanent line:

"All the Waters east of Corlaers' street to Grand Street:

"Grand, Broome and Delancey Street Slips to be widened beyond the line of East Street:

"A Slip one hundred feet on each side of North Street from the permanent line:

"All the Waters from Sixth Street to the market place, and from the Market place to Eleventh Street:

"All the Waters from Fourth to Fifth Streets beyond the present grant:

"All the Waters from 13th to 15th Streets between Avenues 'C.' and 'D.'

"All the Waters from 17th to 19th Streets between Avenues 'A' and 'B.'

"All the Waters from Twenty-second to twenty third Streets.

[267] "Reservation for public Slips and Basins on the Hudson River.

"Reserve a Basin of 340 feet equidistant from the Battery and Southwest side of New Albany Basin.

"All the waters from Vesey to Barclay Street.

do.	do.	Murray to Warren Street
do.	do.	Provost to N Moore Street.
do.	do.	Hubert to Vestry Street
do.	do.	Charlton to King Street
do.	do.	Clarkson to LeRoy Street
do.	do.	Barrow St. to State Prison
do.	do.	Perry to Harman Street
do.	do.	Cornelia to Jane Street
do.	do.	12th to 13th Street
do.	do.	14th to 19th Street
do.	do.	22d to 24th Street
do.	do.	26th to 27th Street
do.	do.	28th to 29th Street
do.	do.	31st to 32d Street
do.	do.	34th to 35th Street
do.	do.	37th to 38th Street
do.	do.	40th to 41st Street
do.	do.	43d to 44th Street
do.	do.	46th to 47th Street
do. [268]	do.	49th to 50th Street.
do.	do.	52d to 53d Street

"All the waters from 55th to 56th Street
do. do. 58th to 59th Street
do. do. 62d to 63d Street
do. do. 65th to 66th Street
do. do. 69th to 71st Street
do. do. 73d to 74th Street

(signed) A. L. Underhill
" Saml. Stevens
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. Buckmaster
" Robert McQueen

Whereupon Resolved that the places described in said Report be, and the same are hereby reserved for public Slips & Basins

The Committee of Applications, on the petition of Abraham Sears for appointment of Measurer of grain, reported the following:

"Resolved that Abraham Sears be, and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain.'

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

Which was approved & he was accordingly appointed.

[269] The same Committee, on the petition of William J. Brower for appointment of Weighmaster, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that William J. Brower be, and is hereby appointed a Weighmaster."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

Which was approved & he was accordingly appointed.

The same Committee, on the petition of John Campbell for the appointment of Weighmaster, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that John Campbell be, and is hereby appointed a Weighmaster."

(signed) David Board
" Leonard Kip
" Effm Schieffelin

which was agreed to and he was accordingly appointed.

The Report of the Finance Committee on the petition of Messrs. Hunter, Vail and Morrel, for permission to assign the lease of Grand

Street Ferry, which was presented on the 22d of February last and laid for consideration, was now called up and being read was as [270] follows:

"The petitioners hold a lease of said Ferry for 21 years from the 1st day of May 1814, and David Dunham and Associates hold a lease for the ferry at the foot of Delancey Street to Williamsburg for 21 years from the first day of May 1813. The object in establishing the ferry at the foot of Grand Street was communicated to the Board at the time by the Committee on that subject, who not only examined the claims set up by the parties but also the utility of said establishment in a public point of view and a decided preference was given to that from the foot of Grand Street. The Committee are of opinion that the present population of that part of the City is not sufficient to support the two ferries in competition with each other and as they are informed and believe that the transfer is to be made on such terms as will bind Mr. Dunham to continue the present establishment at both ferries, whereby the people most interested will receive all the accommodation required and no injury can be sus- [271] tained by the Corporation or the public. The Committee cannot perceive any objection to granting the prayer of the petition and therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that W. Hunter, W. Vail and T. Morrill be permitted to make a transfer of their lease for the Ferry from Grand Street to Morrill's point to David Dunham.

(signed) Stephen Allen
" R. Munson
" Peter Mesier.

Whereupon the Resolution was agreed to.

The Street Committee, on the subject of improving Harman Street, reported:

"That they have communicated with Colonel Rutgers and those of the family who are owners of lots on said Street on the subject referred, that they all agree to the propositions made by Colonel Rutgers except the Executors to the estate of Mrs. McRea who state that they are so circumstanced that they cannot enter into any arrangement whatever. The proposition of Colonel Rutgers is that he will assume the assessment of all the lots on the North side of Harman Street which have not more than [272] 15 years unexpired, the lessees to agree to pay the interest on their respective assessments in addition to

their present rents provided the improvement go into effect immediately after the 1st of May next.

"The Committee have given to the propositions a deliberate consideration and are of opinion that it would be partial & unjust to agree to the same, inasmuch as the assurances said to be given in the report on which the improvement was predicated was general as it related to all the lessees without any limitation, and your Committee can see no good reason why the lessees not included in Colonel Rutgers' proposition should not have the same relief as those thereby provided for. They do therefore recommend the adoption of the two first Resolutions heretofore reported by them which are as follows:

"Resolved that the widening and improving of Harman Street be delayed for the term of 15 months from and after the confirmation of the Report of the Commissioners—provided the owners in fee of the lots held by lessees shall not have assumed the pay- [273] ment of the Assessments on said lots on or before the first day of April next.

"Resolved that if the said owners in fee shall assume the payment of said Assessment on or before the 1st day of April next then the widening and improving of Harman Street shall go into effect immediately after the first day of May next."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Shivers Parker
" John Morss
" Leonard Kip.

Whereupon the several Resolutions were adopted. Alderman King presented a Resolution on the subject, when the Recorder moved to strike out all from the word 'Resolved' and insert a Resolution proposed by him. The motion on striking out was agreed to. Alderman King moved to strike out & insert 'if Col. Rutgers & all others of his family who are Lessors'—The Resolution thus amended was as follows:

"Resolved that if Colonel Rutgers and all others of his family who are lessors of grounds assessed for widening Harman Street, as set forth in the Report of the Committee on that subject, shall refuse or neglect to enter into a written engagement to comply with the [274] same by the 15th day of March instant then this Board will adopt every legal measure by application to the Legislature or otherwise to prevent the same from going into effect until such engagement shall be fulfilled on the part of the proprietors."

The question being taken on agreeing to the same, it was carried in the Affirmative.

The Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom was referred the Communication of the City Inspector on the subject of Fire Wood, presented a Report. The Communication of the City Inspector was as follows:

The City Inspector respectfully states to the Board that the graduated scale for measuring Fire wood, styled 'Ackers Scale' has been deposited in his office.

"That the Inspectors of Firewood have generally examined the Scale and are preparing others upon its plan for the use intended by the Board

"It has been remarked that the rungs of the Cartmen's Carts in which the Firewood is carried are too short and that [275] still an uncertainty will prevail by the rounding of the Wood above the rungs, which might be obviated by directing the lengthening of the rungs to six feet, and thus, the Fire wood being piled flat at the top, the Scale may be more effectually applied with the approbation of both buyer and Seller."

(signed) George Cumming
City Inspector

The Report of the Committee was as follows:

The Committee of Arts and Sciences, to whom the foregoing Communication of the City Inspector was referred, have had the same under consideration and are of opinion that the rungs of carts for carting Fire wood may be lengthened with advantage to the Community. Five feet six inches above the floor of the Cart will be sufficient to pile the shortest cordwood under the chains of the Cart and leave the top flat and easily measured by Acker's Scale. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the 'Law to regulate the Sale of Fire Wood' be so amended that all lengths of Fire Wood not less than 2 feet 9 inches be considered as Merchantable wood and be [276] allowed to be sold by measure as such, and, in order that the Inspectors may be enabled to make a Cartman's load of firewood contain 37 feet 10 inches & $\frac{8}{12}$ and be piled between the rungs without being rounded, that the law be altered in this respect also, and that all cartmen riding fire wood be required to mark the rungs of their carts made to rise 5 feet 6 inches above the floor thereof, and that no Inspector of Firewood shall allow any load to be rounded off but piled square between the rungs

and that each load, when inspected and measured by Acker's Scale shall contain in solid contents 37 feet 10 inches and $^{8}/_{12}$."

(signed) Samuel Akerly
" Jacob B. Taylor
" E. W. King
" John Morss.

Whereupon the Resolution was agreed to and the Council was directed to report an amendment to the Ordinance agreeably to said Report.

[277] The Comptroller presented a Release to Stephen Allen Esqr. for Quit Rent on a Water grant in the Fourth Ward issued in the name of James Renaudet dated 6th day of March A. D. 1752, which had been commuted for by said Stephen Allen Esqr. Whereupon the same was directed to be duly executed.

The Report of the Street Committee on the petition of Edward and William M. Hitchcock, which was presented on the 15th February last and laid for consideration, was now called up and read as follows:

" Your Committee have taken this subject under their consideration and are of opinion, inasmuch as the system was a new one and considered by some as an experiment, it would be proper to remit the penalties by paying the Attorney his cost, and in order to carry the same into effect, your Committee recommend the following Resolution:

" Resolved that the penalties incurred by Edward & William M. Hitchcock be remitted on paying the Attorney his costs."

(signed) J. B. Taylor: J. Morss
" S. Akerly. L. Kip: S. Parker

The question being taken on agreeing to the Resolution, it was carried in the Affirmative.

[278] The Counsel, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a law to amend the law entitled " A Law respecting Weights & Measures." which was read by paragraphs and passed.

He also, agreeably to order, presented the draught of a memorial to the Legislature and a Bill corresponding therewith entitled " an Act to amend an act to reduce several laws relating particularly to the City of New York into one Act so far as it relates to Assistant Justices." which was read by paragraphs, amended and agreed to, and the same was directed to be duly authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature.

On motion of Alderman Munson—Resolved that a Watchman be

stationed at or near the foot of Grand Street and that the Watch Committee give the necessary directions for that purpose.

The Comptroller presented the proposals he had received for leasing the Docks & Slips the ensuing year. Whereupon the Gallery was cleared &

The Doors closed.

[279] The several proposals offered were opened and read, when it appeared that Herman Ruggles had offered the sum of $42,500. which was the highest sum offered. It was Resolved that his offer be accepted and that the public Docks & Slips be leased to the said Herman Ruggles for one year from the 1st of May next, he giving good and sufficient security, to be approved by the Finance Committee for the payment of the said sum of $42,500 in quarterly payments & performing the Covenants of the said Lease. The Clerk was directed to inform Mr. Ruggles that it was expected his Surety would be given and the Contract completed on or before Monday next the 15th instant.

The Comptroller reported:

Balance in Treasury 1st inst	7121.61	
Received for Rents	2078.12	9199.73

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch 1st distt	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark— do. 2d do	682.50
Bleakley & Brower— do 3d do	462.
[280] Matthew Dubois 36 Watch Caps—3d district	144.
C. D. Colden Esqr. Mayor—One Qr's Salary 2d instant	1750.
B. Skaats to pay 6 accounts expences at General Jackson's Visit	308.26
Anthony Bleecker—Examiner in Chancery fees. case of R. Varick versus the Corporation	97.14
Jno. Richardson—attends Justices' Court one quarter to 1st instant	56.25
George Chown—Coach hire for Alms' House Committee	12.
Isaac Pike—Watchman—Witness at Court 6th inst. versus W. Plunket	2.
P. Debaum—on act regulg Greenwich Street from Christopher to Bank St	300.
James Meghan—balance for paving Vestry Street	171.44
Charles Mooney—balance for paving Provost Street	41.
J. McComb—Street Commissioner for earth at Charlton St. Basin	500.
Thos. Barnum—Superintg Wharves 24 days to 7th instant	48.
[281] O. Edwards—Court Charges and Attorney's fees opening Sixth Avenue & Carmine Street	334.56

Henry Meigs—Commissrs fees and expences opening Sixth avenue & Carmine Street	293.	
J. Hays for Officers conveying prisoners to Penitentiary—One quarter 26th February	87.	
Elisha W. King Esqr. Int. on Bond to R. Bogardus assigned 1 year to 1st Feby. 1819	128.45	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs for Repairs	500.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs for repg pier No. 13 Albany Basin	191.	
J. P. Roome—Supt. of Repairs for reprg. Lamps in February	73.	7324.35
	Balance	$1875.38

Board Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 oclock

[282] In Common Council March 15. 1819.

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—Presidt
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder.

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthy. L. Underhill	Jno. P. Anthony
Wm F. Van Amringe	Jno. J. Westervelt
John Morss	Shivers Parker
Robert McQueen	Samuel Akerly
Geo. Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition [was read] from Joseph Constant for permission to construct Four Vaults in front of his Lots in White Street near Broadway —which was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A petition from sundry Inhabitants, stating [283] that the Well and pump at the intersection of Division and Ludlow Streets was dry, and praying the same may be deepened, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance from sundry Inhabitants against the opening and extending of Lispenard Street to Broadway was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of David Dunham was received, stating that he is the sole proprietor of the Williamsburg Ferry; that he is also proprietor of the Grand Street Ferry; that he has become possessed of them at great sacrifices and greatly with a view to the public benefit as the former proprietors of Grand Street Ferry found it impossible for the two ferries to exist together. He therefore prayed to be permitted to make use of the landing at York-town for his Boat now plying between Delancey Slip and Williamsburgh and that he be released from the terms of the Lease of the said Ferry and that the two ferries be for the present consolidated and requests a lease agreeably to such arrangements. Whereupon [284] the same was referred to the Ferry Committee.

A Letter was received from John Nitchie Esqr. exhibiting, in conformity with the Resolution of February last, a statement of his account as former public Administrator. A similar letter was received from Judah Hammond Esqr. the present public Administrator, with the Statement required of the estates of Intestates which had come to his hands. Whereupon the same were referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from the Governors of the New York Hospital was received, stating that tho' the principal of the Arrears of their demand against the Corporation up to the 31st December last was paid, yet a sum amounting to $1171.2 was due to them for interest which they requested might be paid to them. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Oliver A. White was received, stating that he is one of the Constables of the 3d Ward: That in that capacity he received [285] an execution at the suit of the Corporation against one Charles Day; that by artful practices the said Day effected his escape from petitioner; that said petitioner has been prosecuted for the escape, a recovery had against him and he is now in prison therefor; that he is poor and has a family to maintain and praying to be relieved from the said judgment. Whereupon the same was referred to the Police Committee with authority to release the judgment against him.

A Recommendation from a number of Citizens in behalf of the appointment of Abel W. Hardenbrook as a Sealer of Weights & Measures. A petition of William S. Clark for some appointment under the Board with a recommendation in his favor from his Excellency D. D. Tompkins: A petition of Samuel Littlefield for appointment of Measurer of Grain: A petition of Abraham M. Valentine for appointment

of Inspector of Lumber—were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition of David D. Deming, praying [286] on account of his indigent circumstances to be relieved from a personal Tax laid on him, was read and referred to the Committee on Assessments.

A petition from a number of the Inhabitants of this City to the Legislature, remonstrating against the repeal of the Act to protect the fishing in Hudson River and to prevent obstructions in the Navigation thereof passed 11th April 1815, was presented with a request that the Common Council would give their sanction to said petition; whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature.

A petition from Alexander Black, stating that he had made great improvements in Lamps by means of heating the Oil used in them and by which means Summer strained oil is of equal use with winter oil, and requesting the patronage of the Common Council, was read and referred to the Lamp Committee.

[287] A complaint of sundry Inhabitants of Kings' County against the Inspectors of Manure, alleging that insufficient loads were inspected and passed by them, was read and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of Conelius Harsin, on subject of Lot No. 1. extending from Washington to West Street which lot is directed to be filled up, and proposing that the expence of the same should be advanced by the Corporation and that he would assign to them Lot No. 2 as a collateral security for the repayment of said expences, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition from Thomas Fairchild, praying relief from payment of a personal tax assessed on him he being from his straitened circumstances unable to pay the same, was read and referred to the Committee of Charity with authority to grant the prayer of petitioner.

A Letter from William B. Crosby, addressed to Alderman Buckmaster, was presented by him to the Board, detailing the number [288] of lots on Harman Street owned by the Rutgers' family and furnishing a Schedule of the same, which was read and directed to be referred to the Street Committee.

The Counsel presented a Lease of a house and Lot at the corner of Chapel & Beach Streets to Isaac Russell, which was directed to be duly executed.

He also presented a Lease to James Lowerre of the inside of a Slip at the foot of Canal Street, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed: Viz

1	Jno. Mildeberger William Wa[t]kins	Own. Occ.	213	William St.	a privy
2	Thos. Lufborrow do.	Own. & Occ.	221	do	do
3	Benjn. Townsend. Mrs. Eliza Barber	Own. Occ.	243	do	do
4	Andrew Dunham Mrs. C. Wood	Own. Occ.	263	do	do
5	[289] Benjn Townsend do.	Own. Occ.	17	Duane St.	do
6	Benjamin Dibbs do	Les. Occ.	9	Water St.	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Street Commissioner, on the petition complaining of the Assessment of Collect Street, presented a Report which was referred to the Street Committee.

He also presented an Ordinance for a Well and pump in Arundel Street near Delancey Street and for one in Cannon Street near Delancey Street—which were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Abraham Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in the former and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott in the latter.

The Alderman and Assistant of the 6th Ward and Street Commissioner, on the petition of Joseph Constant, Reported:

"That they have examined the situation and are of the opinion that it will be very in- [290] convenient to the petitioner and that it may be removed a few feet farther to the eastward without being any inconvenience to the neighbourhood.

"The sketch annexed will more particularly shew the intended alteration—They therefore beg leave to present the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Joseph Constant be authorised to cause the Well

and Pump in White Street to be removed at his own cost and charge from its present situation to the north corner of Courtlandt Alley and that the new Well be built and furnished in such manner as may be approved by the Superintendant of Repairs."

(signed) Robert M^cQueen
" Shivers Parker
" J. M^cComb St. Com^r

which Report was agreed to.

The Street Committee and Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward, on the petition and remonstrance on subject of opening Beekman Street, Reported:

"That they have considered the [291] subject of opening this Street on the old plan and on the proposed plan. The adopted plan of improvement makes the Street so crooked as renders it impossible to see the river from the upper part of Beekman Street, and from the jogs in it it will be particularly unpleasant to the eye as you ascend this Street from the water. On the whole your Committee are of opinion that the old plan should be relinquished and the plan petitioned for adopted which plan commences at Abraham S. Hallett's house in Beekman Street and runs until it strikes the Southwest corner of Mrs. Byvank's Water Grant in South Street.

"The opening of the Street on this plan will cost the Corporation about Nine thousand dollars more than the opening of the Street on the old plan, and the expence to the neighbourhood will be also considerably greater. The Committee think that a permanent improvement to the City should not be adopted on a wrong plan from the consideration of such an expence to the Corporation. It will be necessary for the Corporation on the adoption of this plan also to take two additional lots for to bring their market and [292] ground up to the proposed line of this Street, and though this will also increase in another way the expence to the Corporation yet they will obtain additional ground for their market which in opinion of your Committee is required. Your Committee offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel of the Board prepare a law and memorial to the Legislature, requesting that the Commissioners who have been appointed by the Supreme Court for the opening of Beekman Street be directed to open the Street and assess the property on the plan proposed in the above report—and that the Commissioners for taking the ground for a site for the new market also take out, in

addition to what they have already been directed to take, the ground up to the Southwestern line of Beekman Street on the new plan."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" Samuel Akerly
" Shivers Parker
" E. W. King
" Saml. Stevens.

The question being taken thereon, it [293] passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens the Members voted as follows:

Negative Aldermen Mesier Underhill Morss McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Bolton Westervelt Board Allen 12

Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen King Van Amringe Messrs. Stevens Anthony Parker Akerly. 7

Mr. Stevens presented the following:

"Resolved that the Resolution passed this Board requesting the Commissioners for opening Beekman Street to suspend their proceedings be and the same is hereby repealed and that the Clerk furnish the Commissioners with a copy of this Resolution."

Which was agreed to.

[294] He also presented a Resolution directing the Counsel to prepare the Report of the Commissioners for taking the ground for the new Market and present the same to the Supreme Court at the next term—which was read & the consideration thereof postponed.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the complaint against Jacob Acker, Reported:

"That they have examined the Certificates and the parties complaining and the Inspector complained against, and feel satisfied that the load which was the subject of dispute contained the legal quantity."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

which was directed to be filed.

Alderman King moved that the Resolution presented by him on the 8th of February last and which had been laid for consideration be now considered—which was agreed to—and the same being read was as follows:

"Resolved that his Honor the Mayor [295] be and he is hereby respectfully requested not to grant more than Tavern Licences in this City the ensuing year"

After some debate thereon Mr. Stevens moved the following amendment to precede the Resolution

"Resolved that the Common Council approve of the reduction which his Honor the Mayor has made in the number of Tavern Licences during the last year, and—"

The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative.

Alderman Van Amringe then moved that the following preamble be prefixed to the Resolution:

"Whereas his Honor the Mayor has requested the advice of this Board as to the number of Licences for Taverns which should be granted by him for the present year. Therefore—"

The question being taken thereon, it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Mesier were as follows:

Negative. Mr. Recorder Aldermen McQueen Buckmaster Taylor [296] Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Akerly Board

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Allen

The question was then taken on the original Resolution and lost. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Alderman Buckmaster were the same as on the last vote.

Alderman King then presented the following:

"Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a Bill and Memorial to the Legislature to limit the number of Tavern Licences to for the ensuing year & to prohibit an increase of the number of such licences for any future year of more than "

The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes and Nays, having been called by Alderman Mesier, were as follows:

[297] Affirmative Mr. Recorder Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens Anthony Westervelt

Negative Aldermen McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Parker Board Akerly Allen

It was then referred to the Committee on Applications to the Legislature to consider as to the number of Licences with which the Blanks in the Resolution shall be filled up and to report at the next meeting of the Board. The Counsel was also directed to prepare the Memorial and Bill and present the same at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Allen moved that the Board now proceed to the appointment of

a Sealer of Weights and Measures, which was agreed to. The Board accordingly proceeded to elect by ballot a person to fill the said Office, when Joseph P. Simpson had a Majority of the Votes [298] and it was Resolved that Joseph P. Simpson be, and he is hereby appointed Sealer of Weights and Measures.

It was moved that the gallery be cleared for the purpose of taking into consideration the subject of leasing the public docks and Slips. which was agreed to and

The Doors were closed.

A Letter was received from Herman Ruggles stating that the friends upon whom he had relied to become his Sureties in the Contract for the public docks & Slips refused to join with him in a Bond alleging that his offer had been two high and that therefore he was obliged to abandon the Contract. Whereupon it was referred to the Counsel to consider and report whether an action might not be sustained against Herman Ruggles for refusing to comply with his proposal in case the Board should not hereafter be able to lease the said public docks and Slips for as much as had been offered by said Herman Ruggles. It was also Resolved that the Comptroller advertise anew for proposals for leasing [299] the docks and Slips for the ensuing year and that the persons offering to contract be requested to mention in their proposals the names of the persons whom they would offer as their Sureties for the fulfilment of the Contract:

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in Treasury 8th inst	1875.38	
Received for Tax of year 1818—1st 2d 3d 5th 7th 8th 10th Wards	23,900.	
" Common Lands	2279.03	
" Streets	1700.	
" Wells & Pumps	167.50	
" Mayoralty fees	32.50	
" Commutation Alien passenrs	110.	
" Tavern Licences	151.90	
" Excise	62.	
" Police received on Account of unclaimed goods	340.01	30,618.32

Accounts Audited.

Philip Becanon—Inspector of Bread one quarter's Salary 10th inst	100.
[300] J. Hays for Officers conveying persons to Bridewell 1st Nov. to 26th February	120.
John Sloan on account regulating Wooster Street	1100.

Jonathan Carlton—balance building Engine houses in Rose Street	143.	
Richd Furman—Supt of Alms' house	5000.	
President, Directors & Company of Mechanics' Bank—Bond $20,000 and Interest 2½ months to 15th inst. at 6 p. cent.	20,250.	26,713.
Balance		$3905.32

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock.

[301] In Common Council March 22. 1819

Present Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder—President

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
Robert McQueen	David Board
George Buckmaster	Effingm Schieffelin
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
George B. Thorp	
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last Meeting were read & approved

A Letter was received from Robert R. Hunter stating that an action of ejectment had been brought against him by Beverly Robinson for the Lot bought by him of the Corporation and giving notice that in case of recovery against him he shall look to the Corporation for remuneration. Whereupon the same was referred to the Counsel to take the necessary steps [302] to defend said Suit.

A petition of Benjamin Hills praying that Philip Rhinelander may be directed immediately to fill in his part of the Lot at the foot of Barclay Street adjoining the Water lot of John Anderson, was read and referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips.

A memorial from sundry Inhabitants residing in the vicinity of the Bowling Green, stating that the said Bowling Green is at present a public burthen and neither useful or ornamental and offering to take charge of the same and cultivate it so as to be useful as a public walk, was read and referred to the Committee on public lands & places.

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate & Assessment in relation to the opening and improving Dover Street between Cherry and South Streets, stating that after examining the same they find that the value of the property required [303] is so

great and the field of Assessment for the benefit is so limited that there will be a balance of loss and damage above any benefit to be derived from the improvement. which being read was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the Fourth Ward to report.

A petition of Abraham Bell for remission of fine for not placing a Curb or box over the opening of his grate in the Street, he having been uninformed of the law relative thereto, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Eighth Ward to report.

A similar petition from John Taylor was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition of Hugh Walker for remission of fine incurred, as is represented, by his not having his Scales & Weights sealed by the City Sealer, was read and referred to the Attorney to report.

A petition of James Thompson for permission to construct a vault opposite No. 21 in Wall Street was granted under direction of the Street Commissioner

[304] A petition of Samuel E. Benson and of Robert Murden for the Appointment of Deputy Street Inspector and of J. and D. B. Van Doren for appointment of Guager were severally read & referred to the Committee of Applications.

A petition of Thomas Wymbs in behalf of a number of the Inhabitants on the South side of Harman Street, stating that they understand it is in contemplation to widen Harman Street by taking down the houses on the South side, and praying that the same may be delayed at least for one year: A petition from Robert M^{c}Dermut and others praying that the contemplated improvement of widening Harman Street may be carried into execution forthwith; and a petition from a Committee of the Inhabitants of Harman Street who consider themselves aggrieved by the Assessment for opening said Street, praying the Common Council will in pursuance of their Resolution of the 8th instant take measures for vacating the order for opening said Street—were severally read and laid for consideration.

[305] A petition of Robert Sickles for appointment of Deputy Keeper to the Penitentiary was read and referred to the Alms' house Committee.

A petition of William Hendrick, stating that he has invented an improvement in the boxes and handles or brakes of pumps which he terms 'the united forcing and lifting pump' by which means great power is acquired and much larger quantities of water can be raised than by the ordinary pumps and offering the same to the use of the Corporation, was read and referred to the Committee on Arts and

Sciences with authority to use if required one of the public pumps to make the experiment.

A petition for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Grand and Broome Streets, was read and referred to the Alderman & Assistant of the Ward and Street Commissioner to report an Ordinance therefor.

A petition of Barent Gardenier for remission of fine incurred for not clearing the Snow from the side walk, was read. Whereupon [306] Resolved that the fine be remitted to him without payment of any costs.

A memorial of Isaac Wright and others, owners of property in the Second Ward which has been assessed for the contemplated improvement of opening Beekman Street, remonstrating against the late decision of the Common Council and against the plan adopted, praying the subject may be reconsidered and that they would direct Beekman Street to be gradually widened from Abraham S. Hallett's house to Pearl Street and extended to the River on a line to strike the Southwest corner of Mrs. Byvanck's property on South Street was presented.

A Memorial was also presented from a number of owners of lots to be assessed for the contemplated improvement of Beekman Street in which they declare they highly approve of the plan adopted by the Board in relation to the same and are decidedly hostile to the proposed alteration of said plan.

Mr. Allen presented a Resolution varying somewhat the line from either of the above plans. Whereupon the said Memorial [307] and remonstrance, together with Mr. Allen's Resolution, having been read, were referred to the Street Committee and the Alderman and Assistant of the Second Ward.

The following person was appointed Fireman the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy:

"Fire Engine Company No. 28."

Isaac Vians—Black smith—Green St. 8th ward vice Thomas Kirby. Resigned.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed:

1	Cathne Russell do.	Own. Occ.	7 Rose St.	a Privy
2	G. Smith E. Boggs	Own Occ	8 do	do

3	A. Glover G. McKibben	Own Occ.	10	Rose St.	a Privy
4	Wm Earle	Les. & Occ.	15	do	do
5	Widow Lilburn Wm Van Duzen	Own Occ	19	do	do
6	James Chalmers E. Merritt	Own. Occ	20	do	do
7	Jno. Nugent do.	Own Occ	36	do	do
8	[308] John Youngs do.	Own Occ.	39	do	do
9	Emma Williams do.	Own Occ.	49	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector.

The Counsel presented a Lease to Jacob Warner for Lot No. 265 William Street—which was directed to be duly executed

The Counsel, agreeably to the Resolution of the Board at the last meeting, reported a Memorial to the Legislature on the subject of Tavern Licences and the draught of a Bill to be enacted into a Law entitled 'An Act concerning the retailing of Spirituous Liquors in the City of New York' which Bill having been read was in the words following:

'An Act concerning the retailing of Spirituous liquors in the City of New York.'

(1.) Be it enacted by the people of the State of New York represented in Senate [309] and Assembly—That it shall not be lawful for any person residing in the City of New York, nor for any two or more persons residing in the said City and being partners in business or inhabiting or using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business to keep a Tavern or carry on the business or calling of a Tavern Keeper and at the same time to be a retailer of strong or spirituous liquors in the said City under Five gallons to be drank or used out of the house, shop, tenement, garden or place where the same is sold or kept for sale.

(2.) And be it farther enacted—That if any person residing in the City of New York, or any two or more persons residing in the said City and being partners in business or inhabiting or using the same house, shop, garden, tenement or place of business, shall first obtain a licence or permission to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow

the business of a Tavern-keeper, he, she or they shall thereby be disqualified and disenabled during the continuance of said licence or permission [310] to obtain a licence or permission from the Commissioners of the Excise or any other person or persons, body politic or corporate, to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons to be used or drunk out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business, in case any such person or persons shall first obtain a licence commonly called the excise or any licence or permission to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons, to be drunk out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business, he she or they shall thereby be disqualified and disenabled during the continuance of such licence or permission to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow the business of a Tavern Keeper.

(3.) And be it farther enacted—That if any person or persons as aforesaid shall obtain a licence to keep a Tavern in the said City or to follow the business of a Tavern-keeper therein, no other person or persons being at the time or thereafter and during the continuance of said licence become a partner in business with him, [311] her or them or becoming an Inhabitant of or using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business, shall be entitled to and obtain a licence commonly called the excise or a licence or permission to retail strong or spirituous liquors under Five gallons, to be drunk or used out of his, her or their house, shop, garden or place of business—and if any person shall obtain the said last mentioned licence or permission, no other person or persons being at the time or thereafter and during the continuance of such licence become a partner in business with him her or them or becoming an inhabitant of and using the same house, shop, tenement, garden or place of business shall be entitled to obtain a licence or permission to keep a Tavern or to follow the business of a Tavern-keeper.

(4.) And be it farther enacted—That if any single person or two or more persons as aforesaid shall obtain or have at the same time the two licences hereby intended to be prohibited, both of them shall be void and the person or persons so obtaining and having them shall be subject [312] to all the pains, penalties and forfeitures to which he, she or they would become liable by means of his business & transactions as tho' the same was done or transacted without any licence for that purpose.

(5.) And be it farther enacted—That no such licence shall be granted in the said City to retail strong or spirituous liquors for the

purpose of keeping an Inn or Tavern unless such person or persons so applying shall first obtain a Certificate from and signed by the Assessors of the Ward in which such applicant resides certifying that such person or persons are of good moral character and that in their opinion it is proper and necessary that such licence should be granted.

(6.) And be it farther enacted—That the person who now is or hereafter may be appointed Commissioner of Excise in the City of New York shall, before he proceed to execute the duties of his Office, take and subscribe the following oath before the Mayor or Recorder of the said City—To wit.

I Commissioner of Excise do solemnly swear that I will [313] in all things while acting as Commissioner of Excise do my duty according to the best of my judgment without fear, favor or partiality according to law.'

Which Oath shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the said City.

(7.) And be it farther enacted—That this act shall not take effect till the first day of August next in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

(8.) And be it farther enacted that at any time hereafter it shall be lawful to grant a Licence for the purpose of keeping an Inn or Tavern and also at the same time to retail strong or spirituous liquors to any person or persons who shall have licences for both those purposes in the said City on or before the first day of August next any thing herein contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding:

After some debate thereon Alderman King moved that the said Bill be referred back to the Counsel with directions to report a [314] Bill in conformity with and agreeably to the Resolution of the Board of the last meeting. Debates being had thereon and the question having been taken on the said motion it passed in the negative. The ayes & nays having been required by Alderman King were as follows:

Negative. Aldermen Morss M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Messrs. Stevens Bolton

Mr. Akerly then moved a Resolution that the Bill be rejected.

Mr. Stevens moved as an Amendment to add 'the same not being drawn in conformity to the Resolution passed at the [315] last meeting of the Board.' The question being taken thereon it passed in the

Negative. The ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Stevens were as follows:

Negative Aldermen M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen

Affirmative. Aldermen Mesier King Underhill Van Amringe Morss Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The question was then taken on Mr. Akerly's motion to reject and passed in the Affirmative, all the members present voting in the Affirmative except Alderman Mesier who voted in the Negative.

Alderman King then presented the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Council be directed to prepare a Bill & Memorial to the Legislature in relation to the limitation of [316] Tavern licences to be granted in this City in conformity to the Resolution of this Board passed at the last meeting."

The question being taken thereon it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman King were as follows:

Negative Aldermen Underhill Van Amringe Morss M^cQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Parker Akerly Board Schieffelin Allen.

Affirmative Aldermen Mesier King Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The Committee of Applications, on petition of William S. Clark— reported

"That they have taken the same [317] into consideration and are in favor of his being appointed a Measurer, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that William S. Clark be & is hereby appointed a Measurer of Grain."

(signed) David Board
" Eff^m Schieffelin

Which was approved and it was Resolved that William S. Clark be appointed a Measurer of Grain accordingly.

The same Committee, on the petition of Samuel Littlefield, reported in his favor and offered the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Samuel Littlefield be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain

(signed) David Board
Eff^m Schieffelin

Whereupon it was Resolved that Samuel Littlefield be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain &c.

The same Committee, on the petition of Abraham M. Valentine, reported in his favor and offered the following Resolution:

"Resolved that Abraham M. Valentine [318] be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of Lumber."

(signed) David Board
" Eff^m Schieffelin

Whereupon it was Resolved that Abraham M. Valentine be appointed a Measurer of Lumber.

The same Committee, on the petition of William Craft, reported:

"That they have understood that the applicant is a suitable person to receive the appointment solicited. They offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that William Craft be and he is hereby appointed Measurer of grain for the City of New York."

(signed) David Board
" Eff^m Schieffelin

Whereupon Resolved that William Craft be and is hereby appointed a Measurer of grain &c.

The following Report on the subject of Vaccination was received from the Trustees of the City Dispensary: Viz.

[319] To the Honorable the Corporation of the City & County of New York.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed by the Trustees of the New York City Dispensary to enquire into the state of the Vaccine Department of this Institution and to communicate the same to the Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council beg leave respectfully to report.

That agreeably to the provisions made by your Honorable Body for the diffusion of the benefits of Vaccination among the poor of this City and its vicinity the Physicians of the Dispensary during the past year have vaccinated Eight hundred and forty two persons. Of this number Five hundred & thirty have been vaccinated at the Institution and Three hundred & twelve at their respective places of abode.

The annexed Documents prepared by the physicians contain the details upon this subject.

The undersigned Committee by direction of the Trustees also respectfully solicit from your Honorable Body the continu- [320] ance of the pecuniary remuneration hitherto granted to the attending Physi-

cians of this Institution in order the better to enable the Trustees to extend more widely among the poor the invaluable blessings of Vaccination and thereby to secure the Community from the ravages of a loathsome & mortal disease

(signed) David Hosack
" Francis B. Winthrop

After making the above Report, in conformity with a Resolution of the Corporation, the Treasurer of the City Dispensary respectfully solicits the balance due the Vaccine Department viz $300—the current year having expired on the 16th March instant.

(signed) Francis B. Winthrop.

Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee, on the subject of the mortgaged property of A. L. Bleecker bought in at the sales of the same under direction of the Loan Officers by the Corporation, Reported: That [321] they have finally effected a Settlement with the president of said (Manhattan) Company who has paid the amount of Mortgage with the interest due the Loan Officers together with the money advanced by the Corporation and the taxes and assessments due on said property and they now present the Deed from the Corporation to the Manhattan Company for execution"

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier

Whereupon Resolved that the Release on the part of the Corporation to the Manhattan Company be duly executed, and Resolved farther that the original Deed to the Corporation be delivered over to the Manhattan Company.

The Committee on Applications to the Legislature, on the subject of the fishing in Hudson River, Reported:

"That the objects of the Memorialists appear to your Committee both laudable and salutary, but they nevertheless are of opinion that it is inexpedient to affix to it [322] the Seal of this incorporation, inasmuch as it would open the door for continual applications to the Board for their sanction to memorials & petitions to the Legislature on all subjects of a public nature, and the too frequent use of their seal would in effect destroy its influence and respectability. They therefore recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to affix the Seal of this Corporation to the Memorial of A. H. Lawrence & others to the Legislature."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" G. Buckmaster
" John Morss.

Whereupon the proposed Resolution was agreed to.

Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution on the subject of exempting the proprietors of the piers & Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip from keeping the same in repair after the premises shall be in possession of the Corporation—[323] which was referred to the Finance Committee with authority to expunge said Covenant from the Deed.

Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to cause the Council Chamber to be cleaned & painted as speedily as possible.

Alderman Van Amringe presented a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Estimate on Beekman Street to delay any further proceedings, which was read & laid for consideration.

On motion of Alderman King,

"Resolved that the Counsel, under direction of the Street Committee prepare a Memorial to the Legislature in pursuance of the Resolution of the Board of the 8th instant in relation to staying proceedings and to vacate the Assessment for opening Harman Street and that the said Committee be authorised to cause said Memorial to be authenticated and transmitted to the Legislature during the recess of the Board."

[324] The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 15th instant	3905.32	
Received for Tax of 1818—6th 8th 9th Wards	5500.	
" " Common Lands	10,540.62	
" " Streets	886.94	20,832.88

Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch First District	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch Second District	700.
Bleakley & Brower Watch Third District	462.
John Bedient—Coroner fees from Jany. 1 to 17th ins	336.13
George Buckmaster Esqr—for peace Officers & Music 25th Nov. 1818	56.
Matthew Crosby for Five Casks Oil	457.62
Thomas B. Clark—Award for Lombardy Street	600.
John Williams—on account for reg. Green St	400.

[325] Thomas R. Smith—Commissioners' fees in widening Grand Street	640.	
Ogden Edwards—Court Charges & Attorney's fees—in widening Grand St.	599.74	
Hugh Smith—balce pavg Water St. from Clinton to Corlaer St.	140.86	
Thos. C. Taylor—for valuing buildings for opening Beekman Street	20.	
John E. West—for valuing buildings for opening Beekman Street	20.	
Dederick Grim—1st Instalment Well in Orange near Spring St.	75.	
Peter M. Allison—on acct building pier at Oliver Street...	500.	
President, Directors & Co. Mechanics' Bank Bond Sept. 10. 1818—$10,000. Interest 2 mo. 22 days to 22d inst. 6 p. cent.	10,136.66	16,286.76
	Balance	$4546.12

Adjourned to meet Monday next 5 o'clock

[326] In Common Council Mar. 29. 1819

Present Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder—President

Aldermen	Assistants.
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
W. F. Van Amringe	Samuel Stevens
John Morss	Leonard Kip
George Buckmaster	John P. Anthony
Jacob B. Taylor	Jno. J. Westervelt
George B. Thorp	Shivers Parker
Reuben Munson	David Board
	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last Meeting were read amended and approved.

A petition of George Duryee for appointment of Deputy Street Inspector was read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition that Hudson Street may be paved between Beach & Vestry Streets was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that Cannon Street may be opened [327] between Delancey & Broome Streets, was read & referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Preserved Fish for permission to construct a Vault in front of his Lot No. 218 William Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

A Remonstrance of sundry Inhabitants against the practice of Hawkers, Pedlars & Fruit Sellers taking Stands in the Streets for the

purpose of vending their Merchandize was read and referred to the Committee on Laws.

A petition of Peter & George Lorillard, stating that they are Lessees under the Corporation of Four Lots near the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row which they are desirous of purchasing & praying the same may be sold to them, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition of Whistler & Eales praying remission of fine incurred under the Tavern Law was read and referred to the Attorney to report on the same.

[328] A Letter was received from Edward McLaughlin Commissioner of Excise stating that having concluded not to give any Excise Licence after the 1st of April next he was desirous of exhibiting his Books and giving information of his mode of transacting the business to the Corporation and requested a Committee to be appointed for that purpose. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Memorial from Joseph P. Simpson, Sealer of Weights & Measures on the subject of the condition of the County Standards of Weights, was presented and referred to the Committee on Public Offices.

A petition of John Bailey, Contractor for paving Collect Street from Pearl Street to Leonard Street, praying payment of the Balance due him, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A petition was received from Peter Jay Munro & others, stating that they are proprietors of Lots on North Side of White Street Market [329] and distinguished on a map drawn by John S. Hunn Street Commissioner dated 16th October 1809 and filed in the Comptroller's Office by the Letters K. L. M. N. O. P. Q. and Y. that there is a reservation of a Quit Rent on said Lots payable in Wheat: that they are desirous of subdividing said Lots so as to build on them and praying the rent may be apportioned and collected in future from said Lots agreeably to the subdivisions, a Map of which accompanied the petition. Whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies:

"Fire Warden of First Ward."

Richard Duryee Jr. Mercht. 149 Pearl St. 1st Ward vice Tunis Quick—Resigned

"Hook & Ladder Company No. 3."

Robert Forsyth—grocer—Hudson c. Vandam 8th Ward vice Thomas Morgan—Expelled

"Fire Engine Company No. 5."

Wm Simmons—grocer—26 Reed St. 5th Ward vice John Delamater—Resigned

[330] The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well & Pump on Hubert Street near Washington Street—which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, John Brower and Abraham Baudouine were appointed Assessors

He also presented an Assessment for a Well & Pump in Orange near Spring Street and for making a Road on 28th Street from the Ninth Avenue, which were confirmed and John G. Betts appointed Collector in the former & Morris De Camp in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances—which were passed—Viz.

1	—— Carter Mdme E. Barde	Agt. Occ.	84	Pearl St.	a privy
2	Irving, Smith & Holly	Owns.	142	do	do
3	Jas. H. Maxwell S. & T. Wittemore	Own. Occ.	108	Front St.	do
4	J. H. Maxwell Robt. Gillespie	Own. Occ.	110	do	do
5	Richd Varick J. B. V. Varick	Own. Occ.	56	Water St.	do
6	[331] James Stoughton J. A. Moore	Own Occ.	58	do	do
7	Berment & Gale do	Own. Occ.	60	do	do
8	Edward Shepherd George T. Thorne	Own. Occ.	64	do	do
9	Irving & Smith W. W. Wetmore	Own. Occ.	108	do	do
10	J. H. Maxwell Mrs. Russell	Own. Occ.	109	do	do
11	J. H. Maxwell Prior & Dunning	Own. Occ.	111	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Attorney of the Board on the petition of Hugh Walker, reported:

"That the annexed complaint was made to him by Mr. Oliver Vanderbilt late City Sealer against the said Hugh Walker—Viz

New York 29th *Feb.* [March] 1819

Sir

On the 22d of February 1819 I examined Mr. Hugh Walker's Weights the corner of Perry & Washington Streets and found them as follows:

5 [332] 56s—1 a little heavy & 4 very light
1 28 right
1 14 Light
2 7 Light
11 Small weights Light
3 Beams 1 not sealed
13 Liquid Measures 8 not sealed

Three Witnesses to prove the above to be correct

Your obdt. Ser

(signed) Oliver Vanderbilt.

Mr. Walker having been sworn stated in answer to the above mentioned complaint that it is true he had in his possession when the City Sealer called at his grocery Store 5 Fifty sixes and that as he was informed & believes one of them was too heavy & four were too light, but it is true he states that said Weights never have been used in buying or selling any Article since they have been in his possession: that he has done business in a small line and has had no occasion to use large Weights: that the Beam complained of as not having been sealed had never been used by him: that the nine small Weights complained of he farther stated under oath he purchased of Mr Vanderbilt [333] about nine months ago: that they are all Iron Weights and have undergone no alteration since he bought them: that when he purchased them they were all sealed and stamped by Mr. Vanderbilt on the surface of the lead in the hole in the bottom of each weight, which stamp is still plain to be seen: that the small liquid measures stated to have been not sealed have been very seldom used and some of them not at all: that they are the same as when purchased and as he believes all correct. He believes that Mr. Vanderbilt would not have complained of him had he known that the large Weights, which are the principal cause of complaint had never been used by him: that he was not at home when Mr. Vanderbilt called at his Store and therefore could not have made to him the

necessary explanations: that his Weights have since been left with the Assistant State Sealer to be adjusted and sealed.

A Mr. Miller, a respectable neighbour of Mr. Walker corroborated his statement.

According to the above statement the principal cause of complaint appears to be answered and leaves uncontradicted the use [334] only of the smaller articles without having them sealed.

respectfully submitted

(signed) A. Sherman

Whereupon Resolved that the fine be remitted on payment of costs.

The Finance Committee, on the Report of the Vaccine Department of the City Dispensary; Reported:

"That they have examined the Documents referred to them by which it appears that 842 persons have been vaccinated by the Institution during the last year, 530 of which were vaccinated at the Establishment and 312 at their houses. The view given of the subject in the Report alluded to is perfectly plain & satisfactory to your Committee and the aid granted by the Board to this Department of the Institution is, in their opinion, well bestowed and has tended to extend more widely the superior benefits of Vaccination to the offspring of the poor of our City. The Committee therefore recommend the passage of the following Resolutions:

[335] "Resolved that the Comptroller report a Warrant for 300 Dollars in favor of the Treasurer of the New York Dispensary, being the Balance due that Institution on an appropriation by the Corporation of 600 dollars to the Vaccine Department for the year ending the 16th day of March instant.

"Resolved that the Report of the Vaccine Department to this Board be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Common Council.

"Resolved that the sum of 600 Dollars be appropriated to the use of the Vaccine Department attached to the New York City Dispensary for the ensuing year—provided they shall report to the Common Council, as in the present instance, the number vaccinated, their names & places of residence & whether vaccinated at the Dispensary or at their houses, together with such remarks as the case may require."

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

Whereupon the said Resolutions were adopted

[336] The Finance Committee, on the petition of a Committee of the Fulton Steam Boat Company, reported:

"That they have had a conference with the Committee of said Company at which they attempted to shew that the rent required of them was more than that received by the proprietors of the pier on the East side of Beekman Slip similarly situated, and instead of 800 Dollars per annum required of them by the Corporation they offered 600 as the highest rent they were willing to give.

The time of your Committee has not permitted them to make the necessary enquiry so as to ascertain the amount received by proprietors of Wharves affording the same accommodation as the one alluded to, but from the best calculations they are enabled to make, taking the Wharfage allowed by law as a criterion and granting that at least two vessels may be accommodated at the same time, they are led to believe said pier would bring an annual income of 1000 dollars at least; and when it is recollected that no longer than the last year [337] the Corporation expended in rebuilding this wharf between 3 & 4 thousand dollars the Committee cannot think the rent required unreasonable or much too high altho' objected to by the Agents of the Company. Your Committee admit however that the establishment of these Boats is a public convenience and that the occupancy of the Wharf by other vessels might be attended with some inconvenience to the proprietors of the Ferry to Brooklyn, and therefore feel disposed to recommend the acceptance of a rent that must be deemed moderate in every point of view, and they propose the following Resolution accordingly:

"Resolved that in consideration of the public utility of the Boats established by the Fulton Steam-boat Company the Comptroller be authorised to rent them the pier at Beekman Slip for three years from the expiration of their present term at the annual rent of 700 Dollars."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Resolution proposed was agreed to.

[338] The Finance Committee, to whom was referred a Lease from the Corporation to James Lowerre, reported the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Counsel be instructed to insert a Covenant in the Lease to James Lowerre binding him to pay the rent therein stipulated for any term after the expiration of the two years named in said Lease and until the Corporation shall require the possession

thereof for the purpose of filling it in or for any other purpose except to rent the same as a Slip or Basin."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

whereupon the Resolution proposed was agreed to.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution on the subject of exempting the proprietors of the piers and Bulkhead between Roosevelt Street & James Slip from keeping the premises in repair after the premises shall be in possession of the Corporation, Reported:

"That they have been at some pains to ascertain the views of the Jury who assessed [349] the damages in that case and in no instance have they found a difference of opinion—there being no doubt on the minds of those consulted on the subject that in making out the award their views extended no farther than present damages and did not include any expence to be incurred by the proprietors after the property should be vested in the Corporation, neither did they know, nor could such knowledge be inferred from the arguments of Counsel or the charge of the Recorder that the Law would bear such construction.

The Committee are satisfied therefore that the Covenant compelling the proprietors to keep the piers and Bulkhead in repair ought not to be insisted on by the Board and they accordingly recommend the passage of the Resolution referred to them in the following words:

Resolved that the Counsel of the Board be and he is hereby instructed to prepare the Deeds for the rights of the proprietors of the property to be taken between the foot of Roosevelt Street and James or New Slip for public purposes without a Covenant on the part of said proprietors [340] to keep it in repair after the same shall have been in the possession of this Board."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe.

whereupon the Resolution was agreed to.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Cornelius Harsin presented a Report which was referred to the Counsel for his opinion thereon.

The Ferry Committee, on the petition of Philip Earl for right to establish a Ferry at Weehawk, Reported:

"That they have considered the subject committed to them and find that the Ferry between this City and Weehawk has been discontinued for several years: That the petitioner is a respectable & competent man and they are of opinion that the public convenience requires that that Ferry should be resumed. It cannot however be expected that the profits of the Ferry will more than meet the expences for several years to come especially as the Lessee will be under the [341] necessity of hiring a Landing place on this side. Your Committee therefore recommend that a Lease be granted to the petitioner for the Ferry between this City and Weehawk for the term of Fifteen years from the 1st of April next, the first five years at a nominal rent, the next five years at the rate of Fifty Dollars per annum and for the residue of the Term One hundred dollars per annum—that the Lessee shall provide some suitable landing place on the New York side at his own expence with liberty to change such landing place from time to time as he may deem it expedient and that no other ferry be granted during the said term within the distance of a quarter of a mile on each side of the former landing place at Weehawk

And your Committee beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Counsel of this Board be instructed to prepare a Lease (not inconsistent with any former lease) from this Corporation to Philip Earl for the Ferry between this City & Weehawk in conformity with the foregoing report."

(signed) E. W. King
" Jno. P. Anthony
" G. Buckmaster

which resolution was agreed to.

[342] The Committee on Assessments, on the petition of Charles McCarthy praying that a portion of the Assessment laid on the premises held by lease under the Corporation for paving Roosevelt Street may be borne by the Corporation, Reported:

"That he has no reason of complaint. Your Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that said Charles McCarty have leave to withdraw his petition."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

which was Approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee, on the petition of David D. Deming, reported the following:

"Resolved that the Collector of the Ward be directed not to collect the sum of Forty Dollars assessed on David D. Deming and return the same among the errors & insolvencies of said Ward."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

Which was agreed to.

[343] The same Committee, on the petition of Hugh McCormick to be released from the payment of Arrears of Taxes in the years 1812 and 1813 alleged to be unpaid but which he insisted were paid by him, reported:

"Your Committee are of opinion, without any doubt, that he has paid his taxes and that the Collector has been remiss in his duty and that said McCormick is entitled to the fullest credit as is set forth in his petition. Your Committee therefore beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the said Hugh McCormick be exonerated from paying the Tax of Forty Dollars with the interest as demanded of him by the Collector."

(signed) J. J. Westervelt
" Thomas Bolton
" Shivers Parker
" Jno. P. Anthony
" E. W. King

whereupon the resolution proposed was agreed to.

The Street Committee and the Alderman & Assistant of the Second Ward, to whom were referred the petitions on subject of opening [344] Beekman Street, together with the Resolution on the subject, Reported:

"That they have again given this improvement & the documents in relation to it their attentive consideration. The importance of the improvement and the interest which it has excited are admitted and known to the Board. The Committee are unanimous in opinion that the straight line will make the best & most ornamental improvement, tho' the expences incident to this mode of improvement have to some extent divided the Committee, as well as the neighbourhood, in opinion as to the expediency of carrying it into effect. To enable the Board to judge of the wishes of the neighbourhood who have petitioned and

expressed their opinions to the Committee we have taken the amount of their respective assessments and we find that the petitioners for the straight line improvement pay $24000, toward opening the Street. The petitioners for the old or crooked line improvement pay $18,534. It must also be observed that the Assessments on the property of the petitioners in favor of the [345] new line, if the new line were adopted, would be much increased and far exceed the Assessment on the property of the petitioners for the old line. The reason of this is obvious. The petitioners in favor of the Old Line, or some of them, are assessed for fronts, whereas if the new line were adopted the Assessment for fronts would fall on the petitioners for the new improvement which would tend to increase the Assessment of the one set of petitioners while it diminished that of the other.

But your Committee are inclined to think that not much consideration should be given to the wishes of the individuals on either petition whose property will become Fronts by the adoption of either of their respective plans.

Your Committee consider that the property in Beekman Street and the Cross Streets above Pearl Street is differently situated the owners of which may be said to be less interested than those above referred to, the Committee find that the amount of Assessments in those Streets for the straight line improvement to be $13,262. and for the crooked line improvement to be but $3871.

[346] In relation to the increased expence to the Corporation for the one third of the Buildings, the Board are referred to the former Report.

The small quantity of ground which will be left between the Market and this Street your Committee think is required for public purposes, but if in the opinion of the Board it is not required this does not appear to be a good reason that the Board should adopt a bad improvement to meet their own particular views when the neighbourhood have to pay more than nine tenths of the expence of the improvement.

In relation to the line proposed by the Resolution referred to this Committee we are of opinion that it does not present advantages sufficient nor does it remedy the evil sufficiently to make it advisable to adopt it.

It appears to your Committee that a great majority of the people in Beekman Street and the Cross Streets above Pearl would prefer that this improvement should be dropped to carrying it into effect on the Crooked lines. To the owners of property [347] below Pearl Street it is not of so much consequence on which plan the Street is

opened excepting where their property becomes fronts on the respective plans.

"Your Committee have only farther to observe that after this re-examination of the subject they adhere to the opinion expressed in their former Report and it is for the Board to determine. The Committee, to bring the subject properly before the Board, offer the following Resolution:

"Resolved that the Board re-consider the vote taken on the Resolution recommended by this Committee in a former Report."

(signed) Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip
" E. W. King
" Samuel Stevens

The question being taken on the proposed Resolution, it passed in the Negative. The Ayes & Nays having been called by Mr. Allen were as follows

Negative Ald^{n} Morss Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Westervelt Board Allen 8

Affirmative Ald. King Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens Kip Anthony Parker 7

[348] The Street Committee, on the petition of George Robertson, presented a Report which was read & referred to the Law Committee.

The same Committee, on the petition that the opening of Grand Street be delayed One year, Reported:

"That they have given the subject due consideration and are decidedly of opinion that as the Common Council did determine that the widening of Grand Street should take place after the 1st of May next it would be improper now to postpone the improvement for a longer term, as most of the persons interested have made their arrangements for that time. They therefore beg leave to present the following Resolutions:

"Resolved that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

"Resolved that the Buildings standing on that part of Grand Street that is to be widened between Broadway and the Bowery be removed from off the Street on or before the 1st day of June next.

[349] "Resolved that the Street Commissioner be instructed to sell at public auction on the 15th day of April next all those buildings or parts of buildings standing on Grand Street that have been awarded to the Corporation.

"Resolved that the Street Commissioner be directed to prepare an Ordinance for regulating and paving Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery."

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker
" Leonard Kip

whereupon the several Resolutions were agreed to.

The Counsel presented the following Leases for Lots sold for non-payment of Assessments—which were directed to be duly executed: Viz:

A Lease to David S. Jones of two Lots of ground in the Ninth Ward fronting on Twenty eigth Street for 25 years from the 6th of March instant which were sold for an Assessment for opening Twenty eighth.

A Lease to David S. Jones of One Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 2d Avenue for 75 years from the 6th of March [350] instant which was sold for an Assessment for opening the Second Avenue to the Northerly side of 29th Street.

A Lease to William Dawes of Four Lots of ground in the Tenth Ward fronting on North Street for 16 years from the 6th March instant, which were sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Thomas C. Taylor of a plot of ground fronting on North Street in the 10th Ward for 59 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Brigham Howe of a Lot of ground fronting on Gold Street in the 2d Ward for 3 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for enlarging, straightening & extending Fair Street.

A Lease of a Lot of ground to Henry Ownes in the 9th Ward fronting on the Third Avenue for 15 years from the 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to Ichabod Prall of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on 28th Street for 18 years from 6th March instant [351] which was sold for an Assessment for opening 28th Street from 3d Avenue to the East River.

A Lease to Edward McGarraghan of Four Lots of ground in the 10th Ward fronting on the corner of North and Pitt Streets for 16 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening North Street.

A Lease to Ichabod Prall of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 2d Avenue for 20 years from 6th March instant which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 2d Avenue to the Northerly side of 29th Street.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 20 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease of a Lot of ground to George and Robert Waite in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 15 years from 6th March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 40 years from 6th March [352] inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the 3d Avenue.

A Lease to George and Robert Waite of a Lot of ground in the 9th Ward fronting on the 3d Avenue for 20 years from 6th day of March inst. which was sold for an Assessment for opening the Third Avenue.

(signed) Ogden Edwards.

On Motion of Alderman Munson,

"Resolved that Classon Martin be and is hereby appointed one of the Turnkeys of the City Penitentiary."

Alderman Morss presented a Resolution directing the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment for the Market place between Crane Wharf and Fulton Street to proceed to assess the benefit to the property in the Neighbourhood according to the Resolution passed on the Fifth of October last.

Which Resolution being read was laid for further consideration.

[353] On motion of Alderman Munson

Resolved that the Road Committee have power to shut up the 3d Avenue from 28th Street to where it intersects the Old Boston Post Road while the same is repairing.

Resolved that it be referred to the Finance Committee to take into consideration the subject of working the Avenues both as to the manner of working & the mode of paying the expences of the same.

Resolved that it be referred to the Committee on Laws to consider & report as to the right of the Common Council to appoint Inspectors of Lumber.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in Treasury 22d inst	4546.12	
Received for Rents	1953.56	
" " Tax of 1818—2d 5th 7th 8th Wards	6500.	
" " Common Lands	21,503.99	34,503.67

[354] Accounts Audited.

Jonathan Weeden—Street Inspector One month 1st April	54.	
B. Skaats—to purchase fuel for C. Hall	100.	
Jac. Morton—Index 36th Vol. Minutes	60.	
John Gould—Carriage hire	13.	
G. Snethen—Supg & lightg Lamps One month 1st April	712.46	
Abel W. Hardenbrook—reprs. Engines and New Engine from 18 June 1817 to 25th March 1819	3440.19	
Thos. & Geo. Lovett, buildg Bulkhead at Fulton St. N. River	744.17	
Samuel Corp—award for widening Thompson Street	120.	
J. P. Roome—Superint. of Repairs to pay Workmen	600.	
R. Furman—Superint. of Alms' house for work 3d Avenue	2000.	
Pres. Directors & Co Mechanics' Bank 2 bonds $8500—$13,999.02 Intert 2 mo. 29 d. @ 6 p. ct. per an. $333.74	22,832.76	30,676.58
Balance		$3827.09

Adjourned to meet Monday next at 6 o'clock.

[355] In Common Council April 5. 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President
Richard Riker Esqr. Recorder

Aldermen.	Assistants.
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
W. F. Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P. Anthony
Robert McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Shivers Parker
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Effingm Schieffelin
Reuben Munson	Stephen Allen

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

His Honor the Mayor presented the Calendar of persons confined in the Bridewell with the following observations thereon:

"This Calendar exhibits a total of 85 prisoners of whom there are Convicts	40
Indicted but not tried the trials having been put off by the prisoners	8
Convicted but Sentence suspended	3
[356] Cases not subject to Indictmen[t]	15

There are the following cases not acted on:		
Misdemeanours	11	
Felony	8	
Whole number not disposed of	19	19
		85

It will be perceived that the offences with which the prisoners are charged are those of the minor classes: and it is not less remarkable than creditable to the Keeper that in this number of confined persons only 3 are sick."

(signed) Cadwallader D. Colden
17 Mar. 1819

Whereupon the same was directed to be filed.

A petition of Solomon Tryon for an appointment to some office, one of Edmund Webb to be appointed a Measurer of grain and a recommendation of Joseph Sillcock for the same were read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A petition from the Inspectors of Lumber requesting the Common Council to revise the Ordinance on subject of their compensation and to increase the same was read and referred to the [357] Committee on Laws and Ordinances.

A petition of William Tate and Abraham Gordon for relief from a penalty recovered from them for selling Beer without a Licence was read and referred to the Police Committee.

A petition from a Committee of the New York Sunday School Union Society, stating that the Anniversary of said Society occurs on the 11th of May instant, when they propose to assemble all the children taught in the School in the open air, as no room is sufficiently spacious, and requesting permission to assemble them in the Park in front of the City Hall was read and referred to the Committee on public Lands & Places with authority to make the necessary arrangements on the subject.

A Petition to open Mercer, Green and Wooster Streets to Canal Street and Hester Street to Green Street and all the Streets in the vicinity of Canal Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that that part of Bleecker Street [358] which lies between Broadway and the Bowery may be straightened so that the Easterly end may strike the Bowery opposite to First Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Haviland Weeks to erect a Stoop in Harman Street encroaching Nine Inches beyond the usual allowance was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of the 7th Ward & Street Commissioner.

A Request from Charles Sherry in relation to a house he is about erecting No. 114 Greenwich Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition of Matthew Rose to be permitted to sell meat on the 8th Avenue near the corner of Greenwich Lane was read & referred to the Market Committee.

A petition of Laurence Martin for a Stall in Spring Street Market was read and referred to the Market Committee.

[359] A Communication from the President of the United States to Mr. Vanderlyn who was authorised to take his portrait for the Common Council was presented stating that on account of his proposed Tour to the South he could not at present comply with the request to sit for his Portrait but would readily comply with the request on his return in the Autumn.

The Comptroller, on the account of Alpheus Sherman, Reported:

"That Alpheus Sherman Esqr. Attorney of the Corporation, has paid into the Treasury on the 2d instant the Balance of his Account from 1st May to 1st November 1818. $152.6 the same having been examined and approved by the Committee of Finance."

(signed) G. N. Bleecker
Comptroller.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for a Well and Pump in Suffolk Street between Grand and Broome Streets, which was passed, and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

[360] He also presented an Assessment for making a Turnpike Road on the Eighth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to the Bloomingdale Road, and also one for making a Road on the Ninth Avenue from Greenwich Lane to 28th Street—which were confirmed & Noah Jarvis appointed Collector in each.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents in the following Assessments—Viz:

For regulating Mercer Street from Bleecker to Amity Street:

For regulating Green Street from Houston to Bleecker Street:

For regulating and paving Crosby Street from Hester to Broome Street.

Whereupon Warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector for collecting the same.

The Attorney, on the petition of Eales and Whistler, Reported:

"That the facts appear to be that they bought Mr. Israel Pinkney's Stock in Trade in the Grocery business at the corner of Beekman and William Streets, and without [361] taking out any licence in their own names proceeded to retail liquor under the Licences of the said Israel Pinkney. It appears that they are Strangers in the City and state that they were not aware of the necessity of having the licences transferred or renewed but believed they could sell under the Licences of the said Israel Pinkney which he had purchased."

(signed) A. Sherman
Attorney.

Whereupon the fine was remitted on payment of costs.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances: which were passed

1	Mrs. Hopper H. Shatzel	Own. Occ.	84	Church St.	a Privy
2	Henry White A. White Mrs. S. Gallop	Own. Agt. Occ.	21	Broadway	do.
3	Wm L. Lippencot L. Willis	Own. Occ.	27	Whitehall	do.
4	J. W. Duryee N. Pratt	Own. Occ.	78	Rivington St.	do
5	William Clark Jas. Bartow	Own. Occ.	80	do	do
6	[362] J. Seeley Wm B. B. Young	Own. Occ.	12	Doyer St.	do
7	David Munson do.	Own. Occ.	13	do	do
8	J. Wright P. McCartee A. J. Adriance	Own. Agt. Occ.	5	Vandewater St.	do
9	John Corse do	Own. Occ.	7	do	do
10	E. Archer Mr. White	Own. Occ.	8	do	do
11	Thos. Hays do	Own. Occ.	9	do	do

12	Peter Amerman D. Lynch, Mrs. Lynch Walsh & Sweeney	Own. Mrs. Occ.	11	Vandewater St.	a Privy
13	James Ennis Peter Dinan	Own. Occ.	20	do	do
14	Sarah Burchel do.	Own. Occ.	34	do	do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

Whereupon said Ordinances were passed.

[363] The Counsel presented for execution the following Leases which were directed to be duly executed excepting that to Philip Earl which was referred to the Ferry Committee:

A Lease to James Lowerre of the Slip at the foot of Canal Street

A Lease to the Fulton Steam Boat Company of the Easterly side of the pier on the Westerly side of Beekman Slip:

A Draught of a Lease to Philip Earl of the Weehawk Ferry:

A Lease of the Wharves, Piers & Slips to Isaac Brown.

Also the following Leases of Lots sold for nonpayment of Assessments—Viz

A Lease to Andrew Seaman of 2 Lots fronting on 28th Street in the 9th Ward for 30 years from 6th March 1819

A Lease to James Chesterman of a Lot fronting on the 3d Avenue in the 9th Ward for 50 years from 6th March 1819

A Lease to Samuel Kip of a Lot fronting on the 3d Avenue in the 9th Ward for 15 years from 6th March 1819.

(signed) Ogden Edwards
Counsel

[364] The Counsel also presented a Report upon the Resolutions which had been referred to him respecting the Lots of Cornelius Harsin, which was read and laid for consideration: And it was Resolved that the filling in of said Lot be suspended until the further order of the Board and that the Street Commissioner report by whose directions the said filling in has been undertaken.

The Committee on Public Offices, on the Complaint in relation to the Inspectors of Manure, reported:

"That it is true, as stated in the petition, that the loads of Manure inspected for many years past have been shamefully deficient in quantity. The Inspectors have made to your Committee no sufficient apology for this violation of the Law and their duty.

The quantity of Manure given for a Load having been, for some years, regularly the same, tho' less than the quantity allowed by law, your Committee do not, therefore, think that the petitioners have been defrauded as stated in their petition.

[365] In relation however to the conduct of the Inspectors your Committee offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Inspectors of Manure have grossly neglected their duty in not giving the measure directed by the Corporation Ordinance and in not requiring the Boxes of the Carts to conform to the Law, and that the City Inspector furnish them copies of this Report and Resolution."

(signed) Samuel Stevens
" Stephen Allen

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee, on the petition of Peter and George Lorillard, Reported:

"That the petitioners hold the Lease of Four Lots fronting on Tryon Row as stated in their petition, that the lease of three of said lots expires on the 1st day of May 1830 and may be renewed at an appraised rent, but that the lease of one of the lots forming the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row expires on the 1st day of May 1826 and contains no provision for renewal, which is the principal obstacle to the improvement [366] contemplated by the petitioners. The Committee are decidedly of opinion that it is inexpedient to sell the Lots alluded to, but that the object of the petitioners may be effected by improving the property to advantage they propose the following Resolution:

Resolved that the Comptroller be authorized to grant a new Lease to Peter and George Lorillard for the Lot No. 29 at the corner of Augustus Street and Tryon Row for a term of years to expire on the 1st day of May 1830 and at a rent One hundred and fifty dollars per annum and that said Lease be subject to renewal on the usual conditions—Provided that the present Lease for said Lot be cancelled and the said Lorillards concur in the proposition herein contained on or before the fifteenth instant."

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier.

Whereupon said Report was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[367] The same Committee, on petition of Peter Jay Munro and others, Reported

"That altho' in the subdivision of said Lots the proprietors propose reserving to the Corporation the amount of rent originally stipulated still in the opinion of your Committee the plan presents difficulties not easily obviated. The Deeds of conveyance to the purchasers designate the boundaries and dimensions of each lot agreeably to a Map made of the property at the time of sale and the claim of the Corporation must rest and be made on the identical Lot designated by the Deed, but according to the arrangement of the petitioners both the dimensions & boundaries of the Lots are altered—Lots K—L—M—instead of containing 26 feet front and rear and made to contain but 23 feet—L therefore contains a part of K, M a part of L and so on: besides, some, if not all of the Lots referred to have been sold by the original purchasers and the property vested in others who are now the petitioners for a subdivision which certainly does not lessen the difficulties anticipated by the Committee. On the [368] whole the Committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners and the only alternative they feel it their duty to offer is the privilege of commuting for the rent reserved to the Corporation and they propose the following Resolution accordingly:

Resolved that the owners of Eight Lots of ground situated on the Northerly side of White Street, designated on the Map by the Letters K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, Y—on which is reserved by the Corporation a quit rent of a certain number of Bushels of Wheat, be permitted to commute for the same by paying such sum of money as will produce an annual amount of interest, at the rate of Six per cent, equal to the value of the quantity of Wheat reserved, estimated at Two dollars and fifty cents per bushel—provided that the privilege hereby granted shall be acceded to on or before the 1st day of May next."

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" Peter Mesier

Which was approved & the Resolution agreed to.

[369] The Committee on Laws and Ordinances who were instructed to enquire if the Officers of the Board have complied with the Resolutions of the Board in relation to their several Offices, presented a Resolution in part which was read and laid for consideration.

The Committee on public Lands and places, to whom was referred the petition of the Inhabitants residing near the Bowling Green Reported:

"That the petitioners have it in contemplation to circulate a subscription among the neighbours residing near the Bowling Green for the annual payment of a sum as may by them be agreed on for the purpose of defraying the expence of improving and ornamenting the Bowling Green by planting Trees, Shrubbery &c. and keeping the same in order, on condition that the Corporation in consideration thereof will permit the said Subscribers to occupy the Bowling Green as a place of recreation for their families. Now your Committee perceive no objection to granting the request of said petitioners, especially as the public will notwithstanding enjoy every advantage they do at present and [370] will moreover be gratified by seeing the Bowling Green in a highly cultivated state. They therefore beg leave to submit the following Resolution:

Resolved that the neighbours residing near the Bowling Green who may enter into an agreement to raise money by annual contribution for the purpose of improving by planting Trees and Shrubbery in the Bowling Green shall be permitted to occupy the same as a place of recreation for themselves and families."

(signed) Peter Mesier
" Eff^m Schieffelin
" Jacob B. Taylor
" Robert M^cQueen

It was moved to add thereto 'during the pleasure of the Corporation and under the control of the Committee on public Lands and 'places' The question being taken on the amendment it was agreed to. The question was then taken on the Report as amended and it passed in the Negative.

It was then moved that it be referred to the Committee on public Lands and Places to make such ornamental improvements at the Bowling [371] Green as they shall consider proper and expedient. The question being taken thereon it was carried in the Affirmative.

A Resolution was presented directing Washington Street to be regulated from Canal Street to Spring Street, which was referred to the Street Committee with authority to report an Ordinance therefor.

Alderman Mesier presented the following:

Resolved that a Committee be appointed with full powers to remove all obstructions, and especially fish poles, from all the waters

within the jurisdiction of this City and that this Board will indemnify them in whatever they shall do under this Resolution and for all costs and expences they may incur in the premises, and that the Committee endeavor to discover the names of those who offend against the statute of the State in this subject and report them to the Attorney of the Corporation who is hereby instructed to prosecute for the penalties."

A motion was made to postpone the consideration thereof until the 2d Monday in May next. The question being taken thereon it was [372] carried in the Affirmative. The Ayes & Nays being called by Alderman Mesier were as follow:

Affirmative Mr Recorder Aldermen Morss McQueen Buckmaster Taylor Thorp Munson Messrs. Anthony Westervelt Parker Board Schieffelin Allen

Negative. Aldermen Mesier King Van Amringe Messrs. Bolton Stevens

The Comptroller Reported:

Balance in the Treasury on the 29th of March.....	3827.09	
Received for Tax of 1818—Eighth Ward.....	500.	
" Penalties	152.06	
" Streets	276.29	4755.44

[373] Accounts Audited.

Anderson & Leake—Watch First District.....	1142.75	
Hibberd & Clark Watch Second District.....	707.	
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d District.....	413.	
Wm J. Waldron—Assist City Inspr. One month 1st instant.	54.	
Obadiah Ayres—Assist City Inspector One month 1st instant	54.	
Samuel Hutchings—St. Inspector One month 1st instant...	54.	
Astin & Cochrane—Messengers One month 1st instant....	60.	
Danl. H. Magee—Keepr Potters' field One month 1st instant	46.50	
A. Spooner—6 months subscripn to Columbian 1st instant..	75.	
John L. Lawrence—Costs of Suit Corporation vs. P. P. Van Zandt	40.27	
F. B. Winthrop—Treasr City Dispens'y—balance for Vaccine Department for year ending 16th March.....	300.	
[374] Jno. McComb—St. Commissioner—for earth at Charlton St. Basin.....	500.	
Abisha Smith—on account—curbing Washington Street from Le Roy to Hammond St.....	200.	
Thomas Barnum—Suptdg Wharves—24 days to 4th instant.	48.	
John Randel Jr. on account—maps of 9th Ward.....	363.50	4058.02
	Balance	$697.42

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 o'clock.

[375] In Common Council April 12. 1819

Present. The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden—Mayor—President.

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	John J. Westervelt
W. F. Van Amringe	Shivers Parker
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
George Buckmaster	David Board
Jacob B Taylor	Effingham Schieffelin
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The Minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

A petition that Walker Street be paved between Broadway and Elm Street was read and referred to the Street Committee who immediately reported an Ordinance therefor, which was passed and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors.

A petition that Second Street may be opened [376] from the Bowery to Avenue 'C.' was presented and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition from sundry owners and lessees in Grand Street remonstrating against the contemplated improvement of widening said Street between Broadway and the Bowery was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition.

An Invitation from the Trustees of the African Free School to the Members of the Common Council to attend on the 13th instant the annual examination of the Scholars of that Institution was presented and accepted.

A petition of the Society of United Christian Friends for permission to extend the vaults of their Burying ground corner of Duane and Augustus Streets a few feet under the Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

A petition that Beach Street may be regulated and paved from Varick to Chapel Street was read and referred to the Street Committee.

[377] An Application from John Ireland to be permitted to construct a Vault in front of No. 124 Duane Street was granted on the usual terms under direction of the Street Commissioner.

Mr. Stevens stated that a petition for regulating Front Street from Peck Slip to Crane Wharf had been given but was at the pres-

ent moment mislaid—He therefore moved that the subject be referred to the Street Committee with power to present an Ordinance if in their opinion expedient—which was agreed to.

A petition was then read from Peter Schermerhorn Esqr. remonstrating against regulating said Street between Peck and Fulton Slips until the opening of Beekman Street &c. shall render it necessary, which was referred to the same Committee.

A petition of Jackson & Baggot praying further remuneration than that allowed by the Commissioners of Estimate for damages incurred in widening Grand Street was read and leave given to petitioners to withdraw their petition

A petition was received from John Fink, stating [378] that the Corporation had at his solicitation granted to his Son John L. Fink Stall No. 1 Washington Market: that said John L. Fink is unadvisedly endeavouring to dispose of said Stall: that the sole dependance of said John L. Fink for support is on petitioner and praying that said Stall may be given to petitioner to enable him the better to provide for his said son—Which being read was referred to the Market Committee.

The Street Commissioner presented an Ordinance for regulating Washington Street from Canal to Spring Street which was passed and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong were appointed Assessors.

He also presented a Return of Delinquents on Assessments for paving Vestry Street and for paving side walks in Franklin Street—whereupon warrants were ordered to issue to Noah Jarvis Collector to collect the same.

He also, agreeably to order, in relation to the filling of Cornelius Harsin's Lot, Reported:

"That on the 22^{d} May 1815 an Ordinance [379] was passed directing the building of a Bulkhead from Ritter's Wharf to Webb's Wharf on the westerly line of West Street and to fill in the vacant space to the height of the Bulkhead from Washington Street to the Bulkhead.

The building of the Bulkhead was completed the same year: the filling in progressed slowly on the part of Mr. Astor & the Corporation and not at all on the part of Mr. Harsin (who was duly notified for that purpose.)

On the 6th of October 1817 an Ordinance was passed directing the regulating Charlton Street from Greenwich Street to West Street that part of said Street between Greenwich Street and Washington

Street was filled in by Messrs. Board & Anderson the proprietors of the Lots on the one side and John P. Ritter on the other. The Street commissioner in compliance with the several Resolutions of the Board passed 14th July and 8th September 1817 proceeded to fill the Block belonging to the Corporation between Washington & West Streets and King and Charlton Streets. The filling has been progressing to the present time and until the Block has been nearly filled, insomuch that the cave of solid earth has partly filled Charlton Street [380] and the soft earth and Mud from the bottom driven on to the westerly part of the Street and the water lot of Mr. Harsin's to the amount of $1000 to 1500 dollars."

(signed) John McComb
St. Commr

which was directed to be filed.

The Counsel presented draughts of the following Deeds which were directed to be duly executed:

A Deed to Caleb C. Tunis of Lot No. 10 at the Albany Basin.

A Deed to Philip Hone of Lot No. 10 of the lots sold by the Corporation between Dey and Fulton Streets

A Deed to William H. Ireland of Lot No. 5 of the same Lots. This Lot was purchased by Philip Hone and Assigned by him to Mr. Ireland."

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry Nuisances, which were passed.

1	Peter Laing & S. Mollan Executors to Estate of late Quinton Miller		Thompson St.	a Lot
2	[381] Chs. Dickinson, Agt. to estate of Isaac Clason, decd		Willet c Sheriff St.	do
3.	Hannah Brown Own or Agt. to estate of Adam Brown decd		Willet c. Delancey	do
4	Miss C. Duane A. Pell	Own. Agt.	Mott St.	do
5	Widow Franklin G. Ferris	Own. Agt.	do	do
6	Jno. Gardner	Own.	Orange St.	do
7	Wm Bayard	Own.	Do	do
8	Do	Do	Do	do
9	Do	Do	Do	do

10	G. Byrne	Own.	Dikeman Occup^{t} Pump & Mott St^{s}	A Privy
11	G. B. Thorpe, J. B. Thorpe,	Own. Ag^{t}	Thos Duplex Occup^{t} N° 14 Thames S^{t}	D°
12	T. Suffren Noah Pratt	Own Occup^{t}	78 Rivington S^{t}	D°
13	T. Suffren Th^{s} Bartow	Own Occup^{t}	80 Rivington S^{t}	D°
14	Roger Strong N. Lawrence,	Own Occup^{t}	15 Harrison S^{t}	D°
15	Roger Strong Solomon Levy	Own Occup^{t}	17 Harrison S^{t}	D°

Signed George Cuming
City Inspector

[382] The Street Committee on the Petition for paving Hudson Street from Beach to Vestry Street, Reported:

"That in their opinion Hudson Street ought to be paved from Beach S^{t} to Canal S^{t}—Therefore beg leave to present the following resolution—Resolved, that Hudson Street be paved from the present pavement at Beach Street to the Southerly side of Canal Street, and that the Street Commissioner be instructed to prepare an Ordinance for that purpose.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which Resolution was agreed to and the Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance agreeably thereto, which was passed and Jacob C. Mott, Ab^{m} Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors.

The same Committee on the Petition for repaving the Bowery, Reported:

"That so much thereof as respects the repaving the Bowery from Chatham [383] Square to Grand Street ought to be carried into effect, and side-walks from Grand to Broome Street be widened, and offer the following Resolution thereon

Resolved, that the Bowery be repaved from Chatham Square to Grand Street—and that the side walks be widened from thence to Broome Street.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the subject respecting the Fence at Duane S[t] Park, reported:

"That they have examined the situation and condition of said Fence, and are of opinion that it ought to be removed back—Therefore present the following Resolution: Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be instructed to have the Fence of the Park in Duane St. removed back so as to correspond with the Westerly side of Hudson Street, and [384] that the other part of the fence be repaired.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition for Regulating M[c]Dougall and Sullivan Streets, Reported:

That they have examined the situation of M[c]Dougal & Sullivan Streets, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: Therefore present the following Resolution—Resolved that Macdougal Street and Sullivan Street be regulated from Bleecker Street to John Irelands Line, and that the Street Commissioner prepare an Ordinance accordingly.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the [385] Resolution agreed to. The Street Commissioner immediately reported an Ordinance for regulating M[c]Dougal Street from Bleecker Street to John Ireland's line and an Ordinance for regulating Sullivan Street between Bleecker Street and John Ireland's line which were passed and Jacob C. Mott, Ab[m] Baudouine and John Brower were appointed Assessors in each.

The same Committee on the Petition for widening Washington Street, Reported:

That they have given the subject due consideration and [are] decidedly of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted: They therefore beg leave to present the following resolutions

Resolved that Washington Street between Warren and Chamber Street, be widened to Sixty feet, so as to correspond with the West line below Warren Street and also above Chamber Street

Resolved that the Council to the Corporation be instructed to take the necessary measures for carrying said improvement into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

[386] Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition to open certain Streets in the Vicinity of Canal Street, Reported:

That the prayer of the Petitioners ought to be granted—and therefore beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved—That all those parts of Mercer, Green, Wooster and Thompson Streets, that have not already been opened, be opened and continued to Canal Street, and that Hester Street be opened to Green Street—Resolved that the Council to this board be instructed to take the necessary measures to have the provisions of the foregoing Resolution carried into effect.

(signed) Jacob B. Taylor
" John Morss
" Shivers Parker

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Finance Committee to whom was [387] referred the accounts of the former and present Public Administrator, Reported:

"That they have examined said accounts, and find the amount of ballances correctly, and they have no doubt justly, stated—and propose the following Resolution—Resolved, that the accounts of the former and present Public Administrators herewith presented, be filed in the Office of the Comptroler.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The following persons were appointed Firemen the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancies

Fire Engine Company N° 4

John E. Dunham—Tailor—N° 79 Fulton S^{t} vice Henry W. Sheldon Res^{d}

Fire Engine Company N° 23

Wm S. Clark—Book-binder, corner Hester and Ludlow Street, vice Elisha Haight resd

[388] Fire Engine Company N° 39

John L. Clark—Accountant—98 William Street vice Henry B. Sickels resigned

The Ferry Committee on the Petition of Rodman Bowne Lessee of Catharine Slip ferry praying for some further accomodation for his Ferry Boats at Brooklyn, Reported:

"That during the last winter an arrangement was made with the Petitioner to extend his lease in consideration that he would place a Second Team boat on that Ferry by the first day of April instant which has been complied with on his part—Your Committee have examined the Ferry Slip at Brooklyn and find that in it's present situation it is only calculated to accomodate one boat at a time, and as it is necessary that both boats should be laid up there during the night time on account of the convenience of Stabling, your Committee deem it indispensably necessary that a suitable landing place for the second boat on that side should be [389] constructed without delay for which purpose your Committee have caused soundings of the River to be taken and a plan of the proposed improvement to be made and which is herewith submitted, the expense of which may be estimated at Four thousand Dollars. It is due to the Petitioner to state that he has been Lessee of this Ferry for more than Eleven Years, that he has been indefatigable in his endeavours to accomodate the public and during the whole time, it is not within the recollection of your Committee that the Corporation have expended One Cent towards any improvement of that Ferry, but the Petitioner has hitherto made all necessary improvements at his own individual expense. In the year 1811 he expended Five Hundred dollars for a bulkhead and Ferry Stairs at Brooklyn—In the year 1813—he expended the sum of Two thousand dollars for a pier at the same place—In 1816, the further sum of Nine hundred dollars for extending that Pier—in the same Year he assumed to pay the further sum of Four thousand five hundred Dollars for one [390] third part of the Westerly pier at Catharine Slip being the proportion which otherwise would have been borne by the Corporation—that latter sum however was advanced by the Corporation on his bond payable by installments with interest on which he has paid Twelve hundred and two dollars and twenty five cents leaving the sum of Three thousand three hundred and ninety

seven Dollars and Seventy five cents due for principal which together with the arrears of interest of Seven hundred and fifty Dollars makes a total of Four thousand and forty seven dollars and Seventy five cents still due from him on that bond—This sum your Committee recommend to be applied to defray the expense of the proposed improvement and such other accomodations as that Ferry may immediately require: It will be perceived that the plan offered by your Committee is to sink a Pier at the distance of about Thirty feet to the Eastward of the present pier extending out One hundred feet into [391] the River and as this will face the Slip it will be proper for the Corporation to be in possession of so much of it as shall be necessary for the purpose of a Slip or landing place for the ferry after the Lessees term shall have expired—Your Committee therefore recommend that a cession be taken from the Petitioner of all his interest and right to the outer end and Slip side of that pier as soon as it shall have been completed—and for the purpose of carrying the foregoing plan into effect—your Committee beg leave to offer the subjoined Resolution

"Whereas Rodman Bown Lessee of Catharine Slip Ferry is indebted to this Corporation in the sum of Four thousand and forty seven dollars and seventy five cents for principal and interest on his bond and this Corporation being willing to erect a Convenient pier or landing place and to make other necessary accomodations for that Ferry at Brooklyn

Therefore Resolved that the said Rodman Bown be permitted to expend that sum in the construction of such improvements, which shall go in discharge of the [392] said bond—Provided such improvements be made under the direction of the Street Commissioner—and provided also that the Said Rodman Bown shall cede to this Corporation all his right to the outer end and Slip side of such pier as soon as the same shall have been completed.

All which is respectfully submitted

(signed) E. W. King
" G. Buckmaster

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

The Report of the Law Committee presented last meeting was called up and being read was in the words following:

That by Ordinance the Attorney to this Board is obliged once in every month to make a written Report to the Comptroller of every suit prosecuted by him under any Ordinance together with the sum

of Money, if any, recovered thereon; and the part, if any, paid to the informer; and lodge the Chamber- [393] lains receipt for the balance with the said monthly Report

On enquiring your Committee find that this Section of the Ordinance has never been complied with in any particular—Your Committee think the provisions in this section important in every respect. The report to the Comptroller would be an important document, containing facts upon which the board might found many salutary Laws: It would enable the Members to test our Ordinances by experience and practice. This Branch of the section is important in another view. The Members of the Board having access to the Report, while the grievances complained of in their respective wards were fresh on their memory, they could trace the courses pursued in each case and detect imposition or connivance.

The People at large also having a right to inspect these reports and knowing they were made monthly, would discover and represent to the board all irregularities.

The importance of these checks upon [394] our chief executive Officer is evident from the many unfounded reports in circulation concerning him.

To collect fines and penalties from the public is at best an unpleasant duty; Your Committee therefore think it the more necessary for this Board to adopt every possible means to convince the public that they are not only necessary, but that they are collected fairly and impartially.

The latter branch of the section directing the Attorney to pay over to, and lodge the receipt of the Chamberlain for the Amount so reported, with the Comptroller is important—because then the Attorney would necessarily submit his Accounts to the Board for examination, who would pass a warrant for what was thought his due; Whereas by the present practise he is always paid by monies retained in his hands when his accounts are submitted for examination and frequently before the services are performed. Indepen- [395] dent of the common truth, that he is a bad pay-master who pays before hand, Your Committee, can see no good reason why the poor fund should lose six months interest on monies collected for it's use.

In examining the accounts of the Attorney for the last six months your Committee find that in all suits for Five Dollars and under, he has charged a fee of Two Dollars; And for all Penalties over Five Dollars a fee of Five dollars is charged.

These charges would be about a fair compensation if an Attorney

were applied to in a single case; but where the number of cases reported by the Attorney for six months amounts to several hundred (the fees on which amount to between seventeen and eighteen hundred Dollars) besides the cases admitted by him to have been dismissed on payment of costs, and not reported amounting to a great number, Your Committee cannot but think the fees extravagant.

In justification of the present Attorney in this particular, your Committee think it necessary to say that he has followed the bills and charges made out by his predecessor [396] D. S. Jones Esq^re^—But on examining the last bill reported by M^r^ Jones your Committee find that the whole charges made by him for Three Months services as Attorney amount only to forty eight Dollars although the charges are the same as made by the present incumbent. Then the suits brought did not exceed fifteen or twenty in three months but now they will Amount to at least Two Hundred. Your Committee have also examined the minutes of the Board for the resolution authorising the charges as made by the Attorney, and altho' the search has been made with care by the Clerk at the instance of the Committee, no other minute can be found on the subject than a Report of a Committee directing that the sum of Two Dollars shall be allowed the Attorney in all cases under twenty five dollars except in cases under the Charter for selling Liquor, where five Dollars is allowed and the same sum in all cases above Twenty five Dollars.

Your Committee have accordingly [397] subjoined a resolution to reduce the fees, but considering the precedent as having been established before the present incumbent came into office they have not thought proper to present a resolution to cause the surplus fees or amount to be refunded. In a former part of this report the practice of settling and dismissing suits and complaints by the Attorney is incidentally mentioned. Your Committee thought the investigation of this subject highly important to the honor and dignity of the board and of the party concerned. They accordingly examined it with great care, and attention and feel it a duty they owe themselves and the Attorney to state that in no instance could they find that he had received fines or penalties as a compromise although they examined upwards of one hundred supposed cases—They therefore beleive such reports to be without foundation, very probably arising from the circumstance of so many fines being collected. But while the Committee acquit him with justice in this respect they must condemn as impolitic and as an assumption of the rights of this [398] board, the very common practice of dismissing suits and offenders on pay-

ment of costs and that too in repeated offences by the same person—No resolution or authority granting this power can be found. Your Committee therefore are not aware that the board ever vested in a merely executive officer the right of dispensing Charity—How or when this practice first originated cannot now be ascertained; but your Committee are fully of opinion that it is an improper indulgence to be exercised by an officer—The board alone as the representative of the people and the responsible guardians of their morals have a right of enacting Laws and inflicting penalties; but if an officer has the right of dispensing with the penalties, he certainly has, as far as the right of dispensing is exercised, a right of abrogating those Laws and of superceding the power of the whole body of representatives.

The Committee therefore beg leave to offer the following resolutions.

Resolved That in addition [399] to the Monthly Report directed by ordinance to be made by the Attorney. That he also report to the Comptroller on the first day in each month after the month of May next all sums of money received by him as Attorney to this board; Whether fines or penalties have been received or not, and whether received as fees or otherwise

Resolved that the fees to which the Attorney of this Board shall be entitled from and after the first day of May next shall be as follows—For all penalties in actions the amount of which does not exceed Fifteen Dollars the sum of Two Dollars and fifty cents, and for all sums exceeding Fifteen Dollars the sum of Five Dollars and no more.

Resolved that the Attorney be instructed not to discontinue any suit commenced for or on behalf of this Board without an express order therefor: And also that he be instructed to prosecute all offenders whenever in his opinion the evidence is sufficient to sustain the action except in cases of particular hardship in which case he shall report the [400] same to the Board with a statement of facts requesting instruction thereon, And in case that at the next succeeding meeting of the board no instructions shall be given, he shall prosecute the same without delay.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King

Whereupon the same was approved and the Resolutions therein proposed agreed to.

The Report of the Finance Committee of the 29th of March instant on the Petition of Cornelius Harsin which had been refered to the Counsel and and the report of the Counsel thereon of the 5th April instant were called up and read, and the Resolutions proposed by the Committee were considered, amended and agreed to—The Reports and Resolutions as amended were as follows

"That Mr Harsin received a grant dated the 31st day of July 1815 for the property alluded to, being 29 feet on [401] Washington Street and extending to the perminant Line in the Hudson River. That he petitioned the Board in December last praying to be permitted to reconvey to the Corporation said Grant, on their paying him the amount expended for improvements, which he stated at more than 2000. Dollars. That the said petition was referred to the Committee on Wharves, Piers and Slips, who reported on the 2d day of November following in favour of a cession of the grant; and as a remuneration for the improvements, That a Bond be executed in favour of Harsen for 1000 Dollars payable in one year without interest, which report was adopted. It is this arrangement which he wishes to relinquish, and in lieu thereof, to substitute the one proposed in his Petition.

The Committee cannot perceive any material objection to the proposition of Mr Harsen, except that it may be brought forward as a precedent for similar applications whenever grants from this board may prove unproductive; or [402] the convenience of the applicant be affected by an ordinance to improve his property. The Committee must admit however, that the permission already given Mr Harsen to cede his grant has established the precedent, and as they are satisfied no possible loss to the public can be sustained by the proposed arrangement, and as the adjoining property belongs to the Corporation, which they are now filling, and therefore will be put to no inconvenience by entering into new contracts; and, as the improvement of that part of the City will be facilitated by the operation, they propose the following resolutions

Resolved, that the Counsel be authorised to receive from Cornelius Harsen a Bond and a Mortgage for ground under water granted him by the Corporation on the 31st day of July 1815—together with his Deed for Two Lotts adjoining said grant, as designated by the plan hereunto annexed marked A—And that the Counsel make the necessary searches as to title at the [403] expense of said Harsen.

Resolved, that on the Bond and Mortgage being executed for said property, the Street Commissioner be authorised to compleat

the filling and regulating of the same; and that a just and true account be kept by him of the amount expended for filling and regulating.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Reuben Munson
" W. F. Van Amringe

The Report of the Counsel was as follows

" That he has duly considered the subject referred to him and is of opinion that the estate with which the Corporation would be invested by these resolutions, being carried into effect would be an estate in fee simple, and of course that there would be no legal impediment in the way of disposing of the same at the pleasure of the Corporation.

(signed) Ogden Edwards

A member stating that business requiring secresy would be communicated the Galleries [404] were cleared and the Doors closed.*

The Doors were again opened, and this being the Period for the Appointment of Inspectors for the ensuing Anniversary State and Charter Election the Board proceeded to that duty when the following persons were nominated and chosen.

1st Ward	2nd Ward
Isaac Pierson	Wm W. Todd
Edmund Smith	Willet Seaman
Peter W. Radcliff	Joseph Riley
3rd Ward	**4th Ward**
Isaac Graham	David Bryson
Daniel D. Smith	John Brown
Andrew S. Norwood	Robert Brown
5th Ward	**6th Ward**
Benjamin Romaine	Richard L. Walker
James D. Westervelt	Wm Coulthard
John Mason	Wm Al Burtis
7th Ward	**8th Ward**
Benjamin Prince	Saml M. Thompson
Abraham Dally	Gilbert Coutant
[405] David Brooks	Jacob Aimes
9th Ward	**10th Ward**
Jacobus Dyckman	David Seaman
Gerard DePeyster	John Fream
Oliver Hibbert	Jeremiah Lounsberry

* An insertion in pencil reads—*Information that Brown Contractor for Docks & Slips cd not give of security required—Refd to Fin. Com. to lease to the best advantage.*—ED.

The following Resolution was presented and agreed to—Resolved that Greenwich Street from Watts to Spring Street be regulated and paved and that the Street Commissioner be directed to report an Ordinance to carry the same into effect.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury on the 5th inst	697.42	
Received for Rents	2282.72	
" for Tax of 1818. 2d-3d-4-5-6-8-9-10th Wards	21.722.	
" Common Lands	1151.34	
" Streets	600.	
" Wells & Pumps	167.	
" Interest	1000.32	27.620.80

[406] Accounts Audited.

R. Graves Assistant Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 1st February	375.	
Chas Irish, a Gold Snuff box for freedom of the City to General Jackson	275.	
Geo. Platt—repairs & work mud Machine 6 March to 10th Instant	248.51	
Geo. Buckmaster repairs to Do	135.09	
Ogden Edwards drafting Laws &c	195.74	
J. Morton, Index 35th Vol. Minutes, hack hire &c	65.	
Lewis & Hall 6 Mo subscription Commercial Advertiser 1 Inst	75.	
Nathan Comstock 1 Cask Oil	122.12	
Chas Mooney on Acct regulating Collect Street	500.	
Jas Pinkerton bala. paving Orange St. fr. Hester to Grand St.	137.37	
Hugh Smith repaving in Cherry Street	134.28	
John Sloan regulating Wooster St	100.	
Jas Pinkerton balance repaving Skinner Street	31.81	
[407] Dederick Grim—balance for a Well in Orange Street	75.	
Dederick Grim—digging a well in Essex Street	63.75	
J. McComb, Street Commissr on Account repairing Roads	500.	
Richard Furman Supert Alms House	5000.	
Prest —Directors & Co Mechanics Bank—Bond Oct. 1. 1818—$8000. Interest 3 Months 12 dys @ 6 per cent per Annum $136	8136.	
		16.169.67
Balance		$11.451.13

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 oClock.

[408] In Common Council April 19th 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden, President
Peter Augustus Jay Esqre Recorder

Aldermen	Assistants
Elisha W. King	Thomas Bolton
Anthony L. Underhill	Samuel Stevens
Wm F Van Amringe	Leonard Kip
John Morss	John P .Anthony
Robt McQueen	John J. Westervelt
George Buckmaster	Samuel Akerly
Jacob B. Taylor	David Board
George B. Thorp	Stephen Allen
Reuben Munson	

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Peter Augustus Jay Esqr presented a Commission from the Hon. the Council of Appointment dated 6th of April inst appointing him Recorder of the City of New York which was read and Mr Jay took the several oaths prescribed by Charter and the Laws which [409] were administered by his Honor the Mayor in the presence of the Common Council and he took his seat as a member of the Board.

The following Resignations from Persons lately appointed Inspectors of the ensuing Election were received and the following were appointed in their place.

1st Ward

Peter W. Radcliff resd Tunis Quirk appd

4th Ward

Robert Brown resd Joel Post appd
John Brown resd Robert Dodge appd

5th Ward

John Mason resd Moses Coddington appd

8th Ward

Saml M. Thompson resd Stuart F. Randolph, appd

His Honor the Mayor laid before the board a certified Copy of a Law passed at the last session of the Legislature on the 13th April 1819—entitled an Act relative to Harman Street authorising the Corporation to suspend extending and enlarging said Street and to order [410] all the proceedings in relation to extending and enlarging the same to be vacated and annulled—Whereupon it was referred to the following committee to enquire into the circumstances in relation

to the Assessment and other matters respecting the opening of said Street and to report thereon to the Board—The Committee appointed were Aldermen W^m F. V^n Amringe John Morss George Buckmaster

A Petition of Anthony Dey for permission to construct a Vault at the corner of Nassau & Cedar Streets extending into the said two Streets with a permission also to vary the opening into s^d Vaults from the mode prescribed by the Ordinance in that respect was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner—to Report.

A Petition of Balthazar P. Melick in behalf of himself and the Inhabitants [411] in the vicinity of Spring Street, praying that the right of ferrying from that part of the City between Desbrosses and Christopher Streets across the Hudson to Weehawk or elsewhere may be granted to them for the term of Twenty one Years—was read and referred to the Ferry Committee, and the Alderman and Assistant of 8^th Ward.

A Petition of Lewis Hartman for permission to occupy a part of the foot walk for the purpose of a Cistern to be constructed of durable materials—was read and referred to the Aldermen and Assistant of Ward and Street Commissioner, with authority, if in their opinion expedient, to grant the prayer of the Petitioner.

A Letter from the Rev^d John Stanford on the subject of children and youth confined in the Penitentiary, stating that at their liberation they are left to the wide world without a friend to protect or advise them and recommending as a salutary measure that authority might be vested in the [412] commissioners of the Alms House to bind them out as in the case of Paupers—was read and referred to the Alms hous Committee.

And it was resolved that the Committee on Arts and Sciences, to whom a communication of M^r Sandford of a concise Catechism for the use of the Children of the Alms house—was referred—be requested to report thereon at the next meeting of the Board.

A Petition from Thomas Dennison for relief from a Personal Tax assessed on him, and a Petition of a similar nature from Joseph L. Hayes—were read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

A Letter from Robert Ainslee addressed to Alderman Buckmaster as chairman of the Committee on the regulation of Greenwich Village was presented by him, and read. It's object was to urge as expeditiously as possible the construction of the Canal through Carmine Street to the North- [413] River—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on the regulation of Greenwich Village.

A Petition of Charles Udall, a measurer of Grain appointed by the Corporation of this City was received stating—that he was called upon to measure a quantity of Grain lying in a Vessel at Brooklyn on the Long Island shore, below Low water mark

That he understood the Jurisdiction of the City extended to high water mark on said shore and therefore he was in the lawful exercise of his commission—That notwithstanding he was prosecuted by the Corporation of Brooklyn as acting without a Commission from them within their Jurisdiction, and was fined and comp[e]lled to pay the sum of Twenty five dollars; and praying relief—Whereupon the same was referred to the Committee on Laws.

The following persons were appointed Firemen, the Chief Engineer certifying the Vacancies.

Fire Engine Company N° 28

[414] John Craft—Carpenter—M°Dougal Street Vice Gilbert Brundage resigned

Isaac Craft—Blacksmith—Vandam Street Vice James Sands resigned

Thomas Blair—Grocer, corner Rivington and Ludlow Streets—vice W^m^ Gillmear—res^d^

The Street Commissioner presented an Assessment for regulating North Street from Second Avenue to Willett Street which was confirmed and John G. Betts was appointed Collector. He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Arundle Street near Delancy Street which was confirmed and Morris De Camp appointed Collector.

He also presented the following Ordinances which were passed: Viz—for paving Grand Street between Broadway and the Bowery and John Targee, Abraham Bloodgood and Jacob C. Mott were appointed Assessors. For repaving the Bowery from Chatham Square to Grand Street and for widening the [415] sidewalks between Grand and Broome Street, and the same Assessors were appointed: for regulating & paving Greenwich Street from the South side of Watts Street to Spring Street—and Peter Hawes, John Targee and Roger Strong were appointed Assessors.

He also presented the following communication:

" The Street Commissioner is sorry to inform the Common Council that not only the Public Roads and Bridges have suffered severely by the late heavy rain, but that about 150 feet of the Bulkhead of the Battery, North of the Bridge has been completely demolished by that Storm—besides a considerable quantity of Earth is washed away, and

requires immediate attention, in order to prevent further encroachments. He would therefore respectfully recommend that the Superintendant of Repairs be authorised to procure a sufficient quantity of Rough Stone to line the breach lately made; and also more effectually to secure some other parts of the Bulkhead that is in great [416] danger of being destroyed.

Which is respectfully submitted

(signed) Jn° M^cComb—Street Comn^r

Whereupon the same was referred to the Battery Committee with authority to make the repairs recommended.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed:

1.	M. Lewis, N. Jarvis,	Owner Agent	Jn° Gillelan, occup^t 42 Maiden lane	A Privy
2.	J. Little, H^y C. Rosseter,	owner occup^t	20 John Street	D°
3	G. Janeway, Ag^t to the Estate of P. P. Van Zandz Ja^s H. Maxwell,	Occup^t	72 Chambers Street	D°
4.	S^l Borden, G. Goldon,	Owner Occupant	136 Pump Street	D°
5	S^l Borden, F. Camorden, J^h Thompson,	Own Agent Occup^t	104 Orange Street	D°
6	Peter Schermerhorn,	Owner,	51 & 53 Orange S^t	a Lot
7	John Mowatt, J^r,	Own,	Crosby Street	D°
8	W^m & G. Post	Owners,	Crosby Street	D°
9	Geo. Suckley Th^s Starr,	Owner Occup^t	Lawrence Street	D°
10.	[417] Geo. Suckley,	Owner	D°	D°

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Counsel presented the following:

"The Counsel herewith submits for execution a Lease of the Wharves and Slips for the approaching year to Edward Hitchcock.

Also Deeds to Nathaniel and Harvey Weed, and to Benjamin Bailey of two lots of Ground at the Albany Basin. These Lots were purchased at the Public sale by the Mess^rs Weeds and M^r Turner. M^r Turner having sold his interest to M^r Bailey requests that the Deed may be made out in his name. The Lots have been subdivided

by the present owners and the Deeds are made out in conformity to their subdivision.

The Counsel also submits for the acceptance of the Board a Deed from Henry Rutgers, Anna Banker, Catharine De Peyster, John Beekman & wife, W^m^ B. Crosby & wife and Timothy Hedges and wife of so much of their ground (with the exception of a few Lots) as may be necessary to widen [418] the Streets in front of their property to Sixty feet.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Ogden Edwards

Whereupon the Lease was directed to be executed and the Conveyances to be accepted.

The Counsel was also requested to lay before the Board, at the next meeting such of the Conveyances from the Owners of Ground and Property to be taken for a Public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip as were executed.

Alderman King from the Ferry Committee stated to the Board that the Ferry house at Hoorn's Hook was greatly out of repair—Whereupon it was referred to the Superintendant of Repairs to make under direction of the Ferry Committee such repairs as were necessary.

The Committee on Applications on the [419] Petition of J. V. D. B. Vandoren—Reported as follows:

"The Committee of Applications to whom was referred the Petition of J. V. D. B. Vandoren for Guager have made the necessary inquiry and do Report in favor of the Petitioner being appointed to that Office, and beg leave to offer the following Resolution:

Resolved that J. V. D. B. Vandoren, the within Petitioner be, and is hereby appointed a Guager for the City and County of New York.

(signed) D. Board
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and he was appointed accordingly.

The Committee on Laws on the right of the Corporation to appoint Inspectors of Lumber, Reported:

That by the general terms used in the Charter granting power to the Corporation to regulate all trades and handicrafts carried on in the City, your Committee have no doubt but that the regulation of the [420] lumber business or calling may be included. In another

part of the Charter it is also granted to the Corporation to appoint Surveyors of flour &c, "and all other Commodities," and also to make any bye laws for the government of the inhabitants not inconsistent with the Laws of the Assembly, from which your Committee conclude that the right of appointing Inspectors as well as Measurers of Lumber is certainly vested in the Board. It remains however to ascertain whether the right given by the Charter has not been superceded or abrogated by the Act entitled "an Act for the Inspection of lumber" passed March 27, 1807.—By this Act the Council of Appointment are directed to appoint inspectors of Lumber for the City of New York; but by a fair construction to be given to the fifth Section the Committee is led to conclude that these Inspectors, if they have any exclusive right, have only an exclusive right [421] of inspecting Lumber to be exported, and therefore that the inspection of lumber for domestic use is still governed by the Charter concurrently with the Inspectors appointed by the Council of appointment. The latter branch of this Section (which is the only part creating doubt) which enacts that—"if any person other than those appointed by Law shall "be convicted of practising the duties of Inspector of lumber, to the "injury of said inspectors, such offender &c"—if meant to apply to inspectors under the Corporation can only allude to the inspection of lumber intended for exportation as from the context of the Act it is framed for the inspection of lumber for exportation. But without this construction of the Act your Committee think it fair to conclude from the phraseology of the branch of the section above quoted that inspectors appointed by the Corporation were not intended to be excluded, at least for domestic use; On the contrary, it is thought by the Committee that the expressions "other than those appointed by law" seem to leave room for a strong inference that the legislature recognized [422] the right of the Inspectors appointed by the Corporation to inspect lumber even for exportation—because it was known to the Legislature when this law passed that the Corporation had been in the practice of appointing inspectors for this special purpose; and if it had been intended to exclude Corporation inspectors it might have been done readily and unequivocally by altering the phraseology thus—"if any person other than those appointed by this "Law &c"—which would have put the question at rest as to inspectors for exportation:—On the whole your Committee are of opinion that the Act quoted creates a concurrent power with the Corporation, but does not abrogate their right—They can find nothing in the Statute repugnant to the exercise of this privilege by the Board, and are

therefore led to the conclusion that the Corporation has a right of appointing inspectors as well as measurers of Lumber."

Respectfully submitted

[423] (signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" Thomas Bolton
" E. W. King

Which was directed to be filed.

They also presented the following Report on the subject of the Fees of the inspectors of Lumber, which was agreed to:

The Law Committee to which was referred the petition of the Measurers of Lumber praying that their Compensation may be increased from ten to fourteen cents per Ton Cubic measure, beg leave to Report the following Resolution

Resolved—That the measurers of lumber hereafter be allowed to receive fourteen cents for every ton cubic measure of square timber.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) W. F. Van Amringe
" E. W. King
" Thomas Bolton

The Police Committee to whom had been referred the Petition of John Taylor, Reported:

"That the Petitioner admits that he has violated the Ordinance of this Corporation [424] above referred to; and your Committee can see no reason why the penalty should not be enforced against the Petitioner in the same manner as it has been done against other persons under similar circumstances

They beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, that the prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

(signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution adopted.

The Committee on the Fire Department presented the following:

"The Committee on the Fire Department beg leave to Recommend that the Machine of the Floating Engine be removed to the Public Yard and that the Superintendant of Repairs cause a Well of a suitable size to be [425] made in the said yard and erect a shed over the said Well sufficiently large for the Reception of the said

Engine and that the said Engine be placed under the said shed to be used in Case of Fire.

Your Committee have made inquiry as to the probable expense and feel assured that it will not exceed $200 and taking into consideration the security that it will afford to the property in the Neighbourhood and that the Chief Engineer cannot dispose of the Floating Engine as by this Board directed your Committee are of opinion that it is the best and most beneficial use that can be made of the Floating Engine.

Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be and is hereby directed to carry the above recommendation into effect.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill

Which was approved and the Resolution agreed to.

[426] The same Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Chief Engineer on the subject of Hydrants, Reported:

"That as those Hydrants have been found very useful in facilitating a supply of water to the Fire Engines, your Committee are of opinion that the Corporation ought to keep them in repair, provided the Individuals who have been at the expense of erecting those Hydrants will place them under the Direction and in the possession of the Corporation.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen
" A. L. Underhill

"Resolved that the Superintendant of Repairs be, and he is hereby authorised to keep in repair all those Hydrants that have or may be erected by any Individuals in this City,—Provided those Individuals shall relinquish their Right to those Hydrants to this Corporation.

Which was approved and the [427] Resolution agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of Jacob Smith Junr, Reported as follows:

"The Committee on the Fire Department to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Smith Junr stating that he did lay before this Honarable Board some Months ago the Model of a new invention for throwing down Chimneys or Walls that remain standing after a Fire is extinguished and that he was called upon to superintend the making of a Large one conformable to the said Model, that the said

Machine when made was approved of by the Engineers, Report: that your Committee have viewed the said Machine and seen it's operation in throwing down Chimneys and feel satisfied of it's usefulness for the said purpose and are of opinion that the Inventor, Jacob Smith Junr ought to be rewarded for his model and superintending of the said Machine.

(signed) John P. Anthony
" Robert McQueen
[428] " A. L. Underhill

" Resolved that the Comptroller be and he is hereby requested to prepare a Warrant in favor of Jacob Smith Junr for the sum of Fifty Dollars.

Which was approved and the Comptroller directed to report a Warrant accordingly.

The Police Committee to whom was referred to consider the necessity of continuing to employ a Marshal to attend the Justices Court, Reported:

" That they have made the enquiries directed by the Resolution of this Board above mentioned, and are of opinion that it is not necessary to employ a Marshal to attend said Court at the expence of this Corporation, and they beg leave to recommend the following Resolution:

Resolved, that from and after this date no compensation shall be allowed by this Corporation to any Marshall for attending the Justices Court in this City.

[429] (signed) Thomas Bolton
" Stephen Allen
" Geo. B. Thorp
" Leonard Kip

Which was approved and the Resolution was agreed to.

The same Committee on the Petition of James Casey for remission of fine under Pawnbrokers Law presented a Report which was read and laid for consideration.

Alderman Van Amringe presented certain Resolutions on the subject of opening Beekman Street which were read and laid for consideration.

A Letter was received from Whitehead Fish Esqre signed on his behalf by Thomas W. Gilbert stating that on Acct of his ill state of health, and of his residence out of the City he was under the necessity of resigning his Office as Chamberlain of the City—Whereupon it was resolved that his resignation be accepted.

[430] The Board then proceeded to choose by Ballot a person to fill the said Office—When upon counting the Ballots it appeared that John Fleming was duly elected—Whereupon it was Resolved that John Fleming be and he is hereby elected Chamberlain or City Treasurer for the current year.

The Clerk of the Common Council was directed to give Mr Fleming notice of his appointment and to take the oaths and to enter into the Sureties required by Law; The Sureties to be approved by his Honor the Mayor and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Resolved, that the Finance Committee be and they are hereby authorized to examine and audit the accounts of Whitehead Fish, late Chamberlain of the City.

Alderman Munson presented the following:

"Resolved, that the Commissioners of the Alms house be and they are hereby authorised on the appli- [431] cation of the Sheriff of the City and County of New York to direct that so many of the Convicts sentenced to the Bridewell or Penitentiary as the Commissioners may judge necessary be employed for cleaning the jail and other necessary work about the same. That the said Sheriff may for bad conduct return them to the prison from whence they came and the Commissioners may appoint others from time to time to fill the places of those who may be so returned.

Which was agreed to.

A Member stating he had confidential matter to communicate the Lobby was cleared and the Doors closed.

"Alderman Munson presented a Deposition from John Palmer, Collector of the Tenth Ward stating that J. R. Livingston and Richd M. Livingston had, upon the representation of Thomas W. Gilbert, Collector of the Arrearages of Taxes, refused to pay the Amount of Taxes due from them; Whereupon the said Communication was referred to the Committee [432] on Public Offices.

The Comptroller Reported

Balance in the Treasury 12 Instant..... $11.451.13

Accounts Audited

Anderson & Leake Watch 1st District.....	1142.75
Hibberd & Clark Watch 2d District.....	707.
Bleakley & Brower Watch 3d District.....	413.
Jno McComb, Street Commissioner 1 Qr Salary 12th inst...	500.
Saml Jones Junr, Counsel fee &c Case of Roosevelt St. Slip	100.
John Wells, Counsel fee &c Case of Roosevelt St. Slip....	50.
R. Munson, for 10 Casks of Oil bot of M. Crosby.....	884.88

Nathan Comstock, 2 ca[s]ks oil	253.57	
Hugh Smith balance paving Roosevelt Street	70.01	
Chas Mooney paving &c, intersection Pearl & Wall Streets.	54.25	
[433] Robt Pettigrew 1st Instalment Well in Hubert Street	29.75	
Jacob *B.* [P.] Roome Superintendant of Repairs, for Repairs	950.	
Jacob P. Roome Supert Repairs for glazing & Repairg Lamps in March	238.	
		5393.21
Balance		$6057.92

Adjourned to meet Monday next 6 °Clock.

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MANUSCRIPT MINUTES

April 26, 1819 to September 6, 1819

[1] In Common Council April 26 1819

Present The Hon. Cadwallader D. Colden Mayor. President

Aldermen	Assistants
Peter Mesier	Thomas Bolton
Elisha W. King	Samuel Stevens
Anthony L. Underhill	John P. Anthony
Wm F. Van Amringe	John J. Westervelt
John Morss	Samuel Akerly
Robt McQueen	David Board
George Buckmaster	Effingham Schieffelin
Jacob B. Taylor	Stephen Allen
Geo. B. Thorp	

The minutes of last meeting were read & approved.

The following Resignations were received from persons appointed Inspectors of the ensuing election whose resignations were accepted and the persons hereafter named were appointed in their place.

[2] 2nd Ward

Wilett Seaman resd Elam Williams appd

4th Ward

Joel Post resd Aaron B. Woodruff appd

A Petition of James Byrne, butcher, praying that Stall No 26 Washington Market formerly held by John Pessenger, deceased, whose widow is willing to relinquish the same, may be now granted to Petitioner.

A Petition from George Camerdin for Stall No 42 Washington Market, and a petition from Jesse Huestis for permission to sell produce in the Fly Market as agent for others—were severally read and referred to the Market Committee.

A Petition of Jane Walker for pecuniary aid was read and referred to the Committee of Charity.

An invitation from John Scudder, Proprietor of the Museum to the Members [3] of the Common Council and their families to visit his museum, enclosing Tickets of admission was read and accepted.

An Account of the Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb for three quarters tuition of 10 children taught at the expence of the Corporation in pursuance of a Resolution of the Common Council at the rate of $40 per annum, was presented and referred to the Finance Committee, who immediately reported thereon the following Resolution

"Resolved, that a Warrant for Three hundred Dollars pass in favor of the Institution for the instruction of the deaf and Dumb, being for the instruction of Ten deaf and dumb children for nine months agreeably to an Order of this board.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier
" W. F. Van Amringe
" Reuben Munson

[4] Which was agreed to and the Comptroller was directed to report a Warrant for $300. agreeably thereto.

A Petition from sundry Captains and Owners of Sloops and Vessels lying at the Corporation Wharf at the foot of Dey and Fulton Streets praying that a set of Lamps may be placed on the "L" of the long wharf at the Foot of Dey Street was read and referred to the Lamp Committee with authority to cause Lamps to be erected if in their opinion necessary and proper.

A Petition of John Mayo in behalf of George Hawkes praying relief from an assessment of a personal Tax laid upon the said George Hawkes wholly disproportionate to his circumstances, was read and referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 9th Ward with authority to direct relief to be afforded in the [5] Premises

A Petition of Isaac Labagh Junr lately appointed a Measurer of Grain praying that in lieu of said appointment he may be appointed to the office of City Weigher. A Petition of Wright Carpenter and of James Ackerman for appointment as Street Inspectors, were severally read and referred to the Committee on Applications.

A Petition was received from John R. Livingston stating that he is indebted for Taxes now due to the amount of near $1000.—that those taxes are nearly all upon unproductive property and praying to be permitted to sett of against the same a sum awarded to him for ground taken to open Leonard Street whereupon the same was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition of Caleb Brush that the [6] Street Commissioner may ascertain for him the correct Boundaries of a Lot on which he is about to erect two houses at the corner of Spring Street and Washington Street—was read and referred to the Street Committee and Street Commissioner with authority to give the necessary directions respecting the Boundaries of the Lots.

A Petition of James Duffie for permission to construct a Brick Cistern in front of his house N° 6 Front Street was read and referred to the Street Commissioner.

A Communication was received from the Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment appointed by a Rule of the Supreme Court in May term 1818, in the application for the enlarging straightening and improving Dover Street between Cherry Street and South [7] Street in the Fourth Ward stating that after fully investigating the subject they are fully satisfied that the amount of damage cannot be raised upon the property without assessing on each individual piece of ground more than it can bear & praying to be discharged from acting under said appointment—Whereupon the same was referred to the Alderman and Assistant of 4th Ward.

The Street Commissioner presented the following communication:

"The Street Commissioner begs leave to represent to the Common Council that the buildings standing at the intersection of Orange and Cross Street which are to be removed after the first day of May, in Order to open and extend Anthony Street, are at the disposal of the Corporation. Also One standing on Carmine Street to be removed in order to widen that Street. Which the undersigned [8] would respectfully recommend to be sold on Friday next. the buildings to be taken down and removed within twenty days after.

(signed) Jn° M^cComb
Street Commissioner

Which was approved and the Recommendation therein adopted.

He also presented an Assessment for a Well and Pump in Herbert Street near Washington Street & for a Well and Pump in Essex Street near Broome Street, which were confirmed and Morris D. Camp appointed Collector in the former and N. Jarvis in the latter.

The City Inspector presented Ordinances for correction of sundry nuisances which were passed

1	A. L. Stewart	Own		Desbrosses St	A Lot
2	Elias Badeau	Own	18	Broome S^t	D°
3	George Lorillard	Own		Greenwich S^t	D°
4	G & R. Waite Roger Peg & Jos^h Hall	Own Occupt^s	56	Maiden lane	A Privy
5	[9] David Brown, Lessee and Occupant			Church & Leonard S^ts	D°
6	Judah Hammond B. Bassett,	Ag^t Occup^t	75	Lombardy S^t	D°

7	Sylvester Van Bushkirk Uriah Ryder and Jas L. Heddenberg	Own Occupt	67 Leonard St	A Privy
8	Jno H. Sickles Js Corwin	Own, Occupt	12 New Street	Do
9	Jno H. Sickles Rt G. Hardie	Own, Occupt	14 New Street	Do

(signed) George Cuming
City Inspector

The Chief Engineer presented the following communication

"To the Corporation of the City of New York

The Chief Engineer respectfully reports—That on the evening of the 12th inst during the fire in Neilsons Alley near Pike Street, that Dougal McMichael a foreman of Engine Company No 22 did peremptorily and insolently, refuse to [10] comply with the directions of one of the Engineers; and altho' it is with much reluctance that this complaint is made, yet notwithstanding, he beleives it his indespensible duty rigidly to support the authority of the Engineers, as without which, the greatest confusion and disorder is to be apprehended by a non compliance with the well regulated system laid down by the Corporation for the Government of the Fire Department, and having carefully investigated the subject, he is satisfied of the correctness thereof, and therefore respectfully recommends (in order to put as speedy a stop as possible to such conduct) that the said Dougal McMichael foreman of Engine Company No 22 be dismissed from the fire department, and that the Clerk of the Common Council notify him accordingly."

Respectfully submitted
(signed) Thomas Franklin
Chief Engineer

[11] Whereupon Resolved that Dougal McMichael be and he is hereby dismissed from the Fire Department and that the Clerk of the Common Council give him notice thereof

The following person was appointed Fireman, the Chief Engineer certifying the vacancy

Fire Engine Company No 26

Henry Day—Locksmith, 7 Division Street Vice George W. Dodge resigned

The Counsel presented the following

"The Counsel herewith respectfully submits to the Board for their

acceptance Deeds from Robert H. Bowne and wife, Stephen Allen and wife, David Stebbins and wife, John Hunter and Henry Overing and wives and Samuel Thorne and wife, of the property belonging to them respectively, which is required for the purpose of forming a [12] public Slip between Roosevelt Street and James' Slip. Also a release from the Ocean Insurance Company to Robert H. Bowne, releasing his property from a Mortgage which they hold against it. The deeds were delivered to the Counsel as escrows and are not to take effect until the consideration is paid. The consideration for R. H. Bowne's property is to be paid to the Ocean Insurance Company. John Mason who ownes the property which belonged to John Clark declines conveying his property in pursuance of the arrangements made with the other proprietors. Clark and Ingersoll also decline unless they are paid Four hundred Dollars more than the finding of the Jury on account of a part of the pier at James Slip.

Respectfully submitted

(signed) O. Edwards

Which Deeds were directed to be [13] accepted, and the Comptroller was directed to make out the Bonds to David Stebbins for the amount due to him agreeably to the former Report on that subject.

The Counsel also presented for execution Deeds to Robert R. Hunter, Charles Denison and C. Bolton for property purchased by them respectively from the Corporation—which Deeds were directed to be duly executed.

Mr Allen from the Finance Committee presented "a Law to amend the Law prescribing the Duties of Comptroller and Chamberlain"—which was passed.

The Market Committee presented the following:

"The Market Committee beg leave to Report to the Board, that they have received Returns from the Deputy Clerks of the Butchers now standing and the [14] number of Stalls they now occupy in Washington, Fly, Catharine, Duane, Spring Street, Greenwich, Centre, Essex, Grand Street and Gouverneur Markets, and beg leave to offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That they be licensed agreeably to the Returns of the Deputy Clerks of the different Markets and that the price of license be reduced to One Dollar.

(signed) G. Buckmaster
" Stephen Allen
" Peter Mesier

Which was agreed to,

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